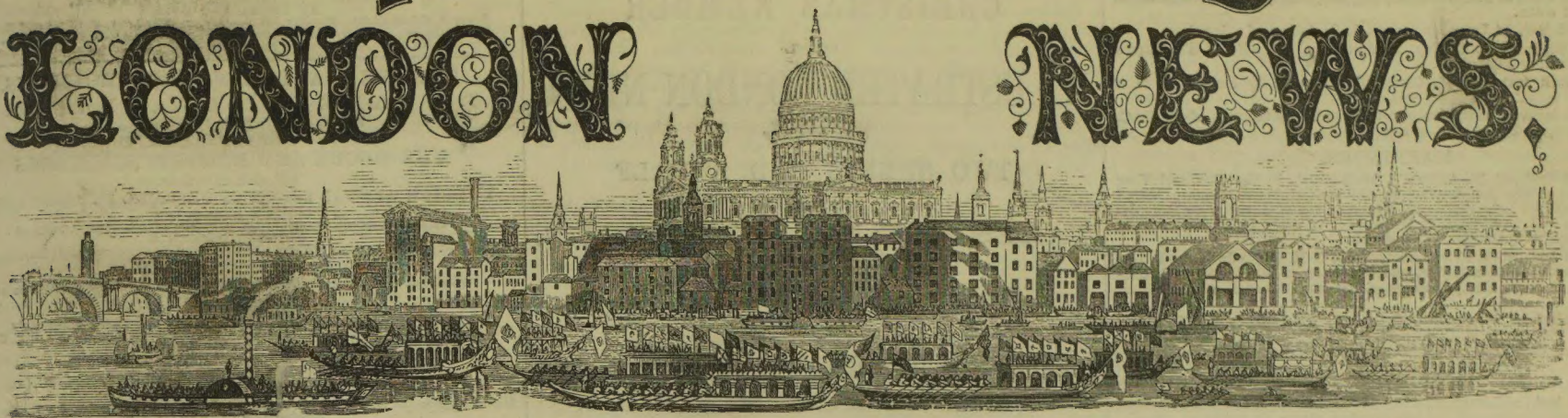


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ENTERTAINMENT TO THE SAILORS OF THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION AT THE MANSION HOUSE; THE LOVING CUP.

BIRTHS.

On the 6th inst., at Cromwell House, Villa-road, Brixton, Surrey, Ellen Engle, the wife of William Thomas Wiseman (eldest son of William Richard Wiseman, 35, New-cross-road, S.E.), of a daughter.
On the 13th inst., at The Walldons, Croydon, Surrey, the wife of Nicholas John Ryle, of a son.
On the 11th inst., at Lowndes-square, Lady Astley, of a daughter.
On the 11th inst., at Oakley, Staffordshire, the wife of Sir George Chetwode, Bart., of a daughter.
On the 10th inst., at 14, Connaught-place, Lady Henniker, of a daughter.
On the 9th inst., at 4, Albion-street, Hyde Park, the wife of Major C. Clitherow Gore, 83rd Regiment, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On the 5th inst., at St. Andrew's, Well-street, by the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor, assisted by the Rev. B. Webb, Captain Alfred Duncombe, late 1st Life Guards, eldest son of the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of York and Lady Harriet Duncombe, to Lady Florence Montagu, youngest daughter of the Earl of Sandwich.
On the 2nd inst., at St. Peter's, Melbourne, C. H. H. Cook, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and Professor of Mathematics, Canterbury College, N.Z., to Emily Denman, eldest daughter of S. A. Peacock, of Watford.
On the 5th inst., at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, by the Right Rev. Bishop Eden, Primus, Sir R. C. Sinclair, Bart., of Murkle and Stevenson, to Louisa, eldest daughter of R. Hugonin, Esq., of Kinnyliss House, Inverness.

DEATHS.

On the 5th inst., at Liverpool, Stephen Bisse Shute, eldest son of George Bent Shute, and grandson of the late Stephen Shute, of Crediton, Devon, and of Liverpool, in his 21st year.
On the 2nd inst., at 2, Victoria-place, Carlisle, Jane, widow of Matthew Lowry, Esq., of Glasgow, and eldest daughter of the Rev. Thomas Lowry, D.D., of Crosby House.
On the 15th ult., at Hazaribagh, of infantile tetanus, John Linley, infant son of Captain L. Blathwayt, Bengal Staff Corps, aged 17 days.
On the 8th inst., at Moville, in the county of Donegal, Ireland, suddenly, Thomasina, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Conolly Dysart, late 106th Regiment, aged 26 years.
On the 8th inst., at Scilton, in the county of Pembroke, James Higgin, Esq., J.P., in the 81st year of his age, deeply regretted by all who knew him.

* * The charge for the insertion of Births, Marriages, or Deaths is Five Shillings for each announcement.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 23.

SUNDAY, Dec. 17.
Third Sunday in Advent.
St. Paul's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m., the Rev. Michael Gibbs, Rector of Christ Church, Newgate-street; 3.15 p.m., the Rev. Canon Liddon; 7 p.m., the Rev. F. Paget.
Westminster Abbey, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
St. James's, noon, the Rev. George Henry Connor, Vicar of Newport.
Whitehall, 11 a.m., the Rev. A. D'Orsey (for Missions to Seamen's Society); 3 p.m., the Rev. W. Hulton.
Savoy, 11.30 a.m., the Rev. Henry White, Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen; 7 p.m., the Rev. George Henry Connor, Vicar of Newport.
Temple Church, 11 a.m., probably the Rev. Dr. Vaughan, the Master; 3 p.m., the Rev. A. Ainger, the Reader.
MONDAY, Dec. 18.
Oxford Michaelmas Term ends.
London Institution, 5 p.m. (Professor James Dewar on Light and the Eye).
Medical Society, 8.30 p.m.
Royal Albert Hall Choral Society, 8 p.m. (Handel's "Messiah").
Institute of British Architects, 8 p.m. (Mr. G. H. Birch on Seventeenth Century Domestic Architecture in London).
Institution of Surveyors, 8 p.m. (continued discussion on the Rating Act of 1874).
Society of Arts, Cantor Lecture, 8 p.m. (Mr. George A. Thrupp on the Rules of Coaching).
Society of Telegraph Engineers, conversation, 8.30 p.m.
Birmingham Annual Cattle and Agricultural Show closes.
TUESDAY, Dec. 19.
Humane Society, committee, 4 p.m.
Pathological Society, 8.30 p.m.
Statistical Society, 7.45 p.m. (Professor Leon Levi on the Statistical Results of the Treaties of Commerce; Mr. Stephen Bourne on the Growing Preponderance of our Imports over Exports).
Institution of Civil Engineers, 8 p.m. (anniversary; election of council and officers; and distribution of premiums).
Young Men's Christian Association, Aldersgate-street, 8 p.m. (the Rev. J. Denham Smith).
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20.
Royal School for Daughters of Officers in the Army, elections.
Royal Society of Literature, 8 p.m. (the Rev. Alex. J. D'Orsey on the Curiosities of the English Language).
Geological Society, 8 p.m. (Mr. W. J. Sollas on Phreatospongia Strahan; papers by Mr. R. Etheridge, jun., Professor T. McKenny Hughes, and Mr. W. Morgan).
Society of Arts, 8 p.m. (Professor Archer on the Philadelphia Exhibition).
Temple Church, special service, 8 p.m. (the Rev. Dr. Vaughan on "The Seventh Vial" of the Revelations).
Meteorological Society, 7 p.m. (Dr. R. Rubenson on Observations with the Psychrometer; the Hon. R. Abercromby on Visibility; papers by Mr. Wm. Marriott and the late Commodore Maury).
THURSDAY, Dec. 21.
St. Thomas the Apostle.
Shortest day.
Election of Common Councilmen of London.
Michaelmas law sittings end.
Linnean Society, 8 p.m. (Mr. Marcus M. Hartog on Thunbergia; Mr. A. H. Doran on Ear-Bones of Mammalia; Mr. J. R. Jackson on the Cane, Whangee; Mr. A. Butler on Butterflies of Malacca).
Chemical Society, 8 p.m. (M. W. Noel Hartley on a Further Study of Fluid Cavities).
Numismatic Society, 7 p.m.
Royal Society, 8.30 p.m.
London Institution, 7 p.m. (Mr. Clements R. Markham on the Results of the Arctic Expedition).
Psychological Society, 8.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, Dec. 22.
Architectural Association, 7.30 p.m. (Discussion on the Proposed New Rules).
Quekett Microscopical Club, 8 p.m.
Sacred Harmonic Society, 7.30 p.m. (Handel's "Messiah").
St. Anne's, Soho, first of four special Friday services (part of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio").
SATURDAY, Dec. 23.
Moon's first quarter, 11.42 p.m.
St. Victoria, virgin and martyr.

THE WEATHER.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS AT THE KEW OBSERVATORY OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY.
Lat. 51° 28' 6" N.; Long. 0° 18' 47" W.; Height above Sea, 34 feet.

DAY.	DAILY MEANS OF					THERMOM.		WIND.		
	Barometer Corrected.	Temperature of the Air.	Dew Point.	Relative Humidity.	Amount of Cloud.	Maximum, read at 10 P.M.	Minimum, read at 10 P.M.	General Direction.	Movement in 24 hours, read at 10 A.M. next morning.	Rain in 24 hours, read at 10 A.M. next morning.
December	Inches.	°	°	°	0-10	°	°		Miles.	In.
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7	29.109	47.2	46.5	98	9	49.8	44.2	ESE. E. SE.	205	.190
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The following are the readings of the meteorological instruments for the above days, in order, at ten o'clock a.m.:—
Barometer (in inches) corrected .. 29.053 29.128 29.535 30.122 30.177 30.102 29.703
Temperature of Air .. 46.8° 47.4° 47.4° 39.1° 43.7° 41.9° 44.3°
Temperature of Evaporation .. 45.1° 46.6° 45.3° 38.6° 42.7° 40.7° 42.7°
Direction of Wind SW. E. N. WSW. SW. NNE. S.

TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE.
FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 23.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.
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2 44	3 23	3 20	3 38	3 56	4 14	4 30
4 30	4 47	5 5	5 25	5 44	6 4	6 24
6 46	6 46	6 46	6 46	6 46	6 46	6 46

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LONDON: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1876.

The French Republic has just passed through an extremely critical period of its history. If it had not been that the shifting phases of the Eastern Question have attracted and absorbed an almost exclusive political interest in Europe during the last few weeks, much more anxious importance would have been attached to what has been lately going on at Versailles. The last Legislature, it will be remembered, invested Marshal MacMahon with supreme Executive authority for seven years, and created institutions by which his power was to be regulated. Two Chambers of Legislation—a Senate largely chosen by the National Assembly and a House of Representatives elected by the people of France—subsequently came into being. In fact, a regular system of Constitutional Government was organised, and Ministerial responsibility was supposed to have been established. Within the last three weeks there has been a somewhat violent conflict of authority between Marshal MacMahon and the Chamber of Deputies. It arose out of incidents comparatively trifling in themselves, but it revealed perils which, although surmounted for the present by a prudent compromise, will demand the utmost care and forbearance on each side to prevent disaster.

The President of the Republic is a soldier, but, happily, he is honest and loyal in what he believes himself to have undertaken. His knowledge of politics is scanty, his experience in presiding over the working of the machinery of State has been but brief. He has not yet assimilated in his own mind the principles of constitutional rule. He ascribes to himself a higher authority than that which has been assigned to him by law. The army is his weapon, and he imagines that in delivering it over to him France gave him unlimited power to wield it according to the best of his judgment. He desires to retain intact the authority which he supposes himself to possess, independently of the will of the Legislature. To some considerable extent he has had the good sense to bow to the decision of the French people, expressed through the medium of their Representatives in Parliament. But, while

allowing himself to be guided in the choice of his Cabinet and in his direction of their civil policy by the preponderant opinions of the French people, he insists upon an exclusive right to determine the Military Policy of the nation. Hence, whatever might be the fate of other Ministers, he claims to appoint the Minister of War, and to uphold him in his office quite apart from any sanction by the Chamber of Deputies. General Berthaud is at present his representative in the War Office, and the General has managed to offend the susceptibilities of the Left, that is, of the majority of the Chamber, in a matter touching the bestowal of military honours at the burial of those soldiers who heretofore have been entitled to them. The resentment of the Republican party was thereby kindled. Proposals made by M. Dufaure to give a slight increase to the pay of army chaplains were, one after another, rejected by decided majorities. The venerable Vice-President of the Council and Minister of Justice thereupon resigned his place. It was not easy to compose a new Administration such as would harmonise with the temper of the House. After many abortive trials, however, this object has been accomplished. M. Jules Simon, a far more pronounced Republican than M. Dufaure, is appointed Vice-President of the Council and Minister of the Interior, and M. Martel, a highly respected member of the Republican party in the Senate, is to be Minister of Justice. In respect of the other Cabinet offices, the Ministry remains unchanged.

It will be seen that General Berthaud has been retained in his position. Marshal MacMahon had unwisely avowed during the crisis that he would never consent to part with his Minister of War. The Left regarded this as an infraction of their Constitutional rights, and proposed to resent it by refusing to vote for the Budget of Expenditure. There can be no question that, technically, they would have been justified in opposing the dictatorial will of the President of the Republic in this matter. The Constitutional Law of the country gave them authority to do so. The reason of the case would have gone far to uphold them in vindicating that authority by acts which under other conditions would have been extreme. Theirs was the way in which the machinery of the Republic was originally constructed to work—and so they seem to have thought at first blush. But in politics it is seldom wise to push a right, however well established, to its utmost extremity. The French Republic is too young to admit of being exposed to the turmoil of another general election. The party of the Left may perhaps have thereby gained a larger majority in the Chamber of Deputies, but they would not have increased the confidence of the French in the institutions they have succeeded in creating. Above all things, France yearns for a further interval of quiet. She has not yet wholly recovered from the calamities she sustained in her conflict with Germany. She has no desire for revolution. Her feeling is that, in regard to Constitutional forms, "whatever is, is right;" and will be for some time to come. This is not a fitting opportunity for testing great Constitutional theories, or for risking important social changes. We have no doubt whatever that, in giving way to Marshal MacMahon's determination respecting his Minister of War, the party of the Left have acted judiciously. They had higher aims in view than an immediate triumph over the President. They will have other opportunities of asserting their rights. The Septennate will come to an end in 1880, and, should they continue to command the approbation of a majority of French people, they will then be able to secure a closer conformity of the Executive to the Legislative authority of the nation.

They are to be congratulated, we think, upon their tactical sagacity. Powerful sinister influences are around them, and many enemies lying in wait to take advantage of any plausible occasion for throwing France into confusion, and thereby bringing discredit on the Republican form of government to which the French people have given their assent. Nor are they without some substantial gain in the transaction which has served to exhibit their prudence. The Ministry which is now presided over by M. Jules Simon is more in accordance with the political feeling of the Left than that which preceded it. It may not be everything which M. Gambetta would desire to have, but it probably indicates as great an advance towards Liberalism as present circumstances will allow. It is a compromise, doubtless, but it is a compromise which has averted a Revolution or a coup d'état.

THE COURT.

The Queen continues at Windsor Castle.

Her Majesty, accompanied by Princess Louise of Lorne and Princess Beatrice, visited Madame Van de Weyer, on Thursday week, at New Lodge, Windsor Park. Prince and Princess Christian and Major-General H. and the Hon. Mrs. Ponsonby dined with her Majesty. On the previous evening Lord Ronald Leveson-Gower and the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor joined the Royal circle at dinner.

Princess Louise of Lorne and the Marquis of Lorne left the castle yesterday week.

The Queen held a Council on Saturday last, at which were present the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chamberlain, and the Right Hon. Stephen Cave. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon had an audience of her Majesty. Previously to the Council the Marquis of Tweeddale delivered up to the Queen the badge and ribbon of the Order of the Thistle worn by his late father; and Captain James Richardson was presented to her Majesty on his appointment as Secretary of the Order, in succession to his

father, Sir John Richardson, Bart. Sir William Stirling-Maxwell, Bart., received the honour of knighthood, and was invested by the Queen with the insignia of the Order of the Thistle. Captain George S. Nares, Royal Navy, was created a knight of the second class of the civil division of the Order of the Bath; and Captain Henry F. Stephenson, Royal Navy, received from her Majesty the insignia of the third class of the civil division of the Order of the Bath. At the Council Parliament was further prorogued to Thursday, Feb. 8 next, then to meet for the dispatch of business, and both Houses of Convocation to meet on the next day. Prince and Princess Christian, Sir William Stirling-Maxwell, the Right Hon. R. A. Cross, and Mr. Theodore Martin dined with her Majesty. Sir William Stirling-Maxwell and Mr. Cross left the next morning.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice attended Divine service on Sunday in the private chapel of the castle. The Rev. Dr. Vaughan, Master of the Temple, officiated.

Mrs. Pierrepont, wife of the Minister of the United States of America, was presented to her Majesty, on Monday, by the Duchess of Roxburghe, and the American Minister was also received by the Queen. The Judge Advocate-General had an audience of her Majesty. Mr. Theodore Martin left the castle. The Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster, the Rev. Canon Pearson, and Mrs. and Miss Drummond, of Megginch, dined with the Queen; and, on Tuesday, Prince and Princess Christian and the Marquis and Marchioness of Bowmont were included in the Royal dinner party.

The Princess of Wales and her eldest daughter, Princess Louise, arrived on a visit to her Majesty on Wednesday. The Marquis and Marchioness of Bowmont left the castle.

Thursday being the anniversary of the death of the Prince Consort, her Majesty, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Beatrice, and the members of the Court, proceeded to Frogmore and attended Divine service, held in the Royal mausoleum. After the Queen and Prince and Princesses had decorated the Prince Consort's tomb with wreaths of immortelles, her Majesty returned to the castle, and the mausoleum was thrown open in order that the Royal domestics and tradesmen might visit the building.

The Queen, with the members of the Royal family, has taken her usual daily drives. Madame Norman-Néruda played on the violin before the Royal family circle on Wednesday week. Mr. Alexander Melville has submitted for the Queen's inspection his painting of "There Sleeps Idonia," and other works from the Danish Gallery in London. The list of the successful competitors in the recent examination at Eton College for the prizes given by the Prince Consort for skill in modern languages have been duly forwarded to her Majesty by Dr. Hornby, the Head Master, for inspection.

The Queen has appointed the Hon. Victor Albert Francis Charles Spencer to be Page of Honour to her Majesty, vice Victor A. F. M. Biddulph, Esq., resigned.

The Hon. Mary Lascelles has succeeded the Hon. Emily Cathcart as Maid of Honour in Waiting to the Queen.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Marlborough House on Saturday last from visiting the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh at Elvedon Hall, Thetford. The Princess of Wales, with her elder children, attended Divine service on Sunday at Sandringham church. The Rev. W. Lake Onslow and the Rev. J. N. Dalton officiated. Her Royal Highness, accompanied by Princess Louise of Wales, arrived at Marlborough House on Monday from Sandringham. The Prince and Princess afterwards visited the Duchess of Cambridge and the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz at St. James's Palace. On Tuesday the Prince presided at a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society at St. James's Hall, when Captain Sir George Nares read his paper on the recent Arctic Expedition. The Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz visited the Prince and Princess at Marlborough House, and in the evening accompanied the Princess to the Court Theatre. The Prince presided at a meeting of the council of his Royal Highness, held at the office of the Duchy of Cornwall, Buckingham-gate, on Wednesday. The Prince, with Princess Louise of Wales, went to Windsor Castle.

Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein presented the prizes and certificates to the students of the Windsor and Eton Art-Classes on Thursday week. The ceremony took place in the Guildhall, Windsor. Her Royal Highness, the next day, presided at a council meeting of the Royal School of Art Needlework, held at Alford House, and also presided at the monthly meeting of the ladies' committee of the Adult Orphan Institution, held at the house of the institution, St. Andrew's-place, Regent's Park. The Princess has consented to become the patroness of a bazaar to be held, in the spring, on behalf of Mrs. Hilton's Crèche, Home, and Infirmary, in Stepney-causeway, London.

The Duke of Connaught during his visit, last week, to the Right Hon. the Earl of Portarlington at Ems Park, had excellent sport in the hunting-field with the Queen's County Foxhounds, the principal "meet" being at the Great Heath, Maryborough. A ball was given by the Earl of Portarlington, at his residence, in honour of his Royal guest.

Prince Adolphus, eldest son of the Duke and Duchess of Teck, has been suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever. Sir William Gull and Drs. Duncan and Wadd have been in attendance.

His Excellency Count Schouvaloff has left Chesham House for Brussels.

His Excellency the Danish Minister and Madame de Bülow have returned to London from Paris.

The Duke of Sutherland has returned to Dunrobin Castle from Stafford House. The Duchess remains at Torquay.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Ripon have arrived at Nocton, their seat in Lincolnshire.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Bath have arrived at Longleat.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGES.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Howard C. Elphinstone, V.C., R.E., was married, on Tuesday week, to Annie Frances, second daughter of Mr. W. H. Cole, of Portland-place, and Gifford's Hall, Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk. Major Pickard, V.C., R.A., acted as best man. After the wedding breakfast Sir Howard and Lady Elphinstone left for Dover, en route for the south of France. The bridal gifts were very numerous, and included presents from the Queen, the Prince of Wales, Princess Christian, Princess Beatrice, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold.

The marriage between Captain Philip Green, 5th Lancers, and the Marchioness of Camden is arranged to take place in London on the 28th inst.; and the marriage of Viscount Helmsley, M.P., and Lady Muriel Talbot is fixed to take place on the 23rd inst.

A marriage is arranged to take place between Mr. Arthur Moore, of Moorsfort, Tipperary, M.P. for Clonmel, and Miss Clifford, only daughter of Sir Charles Clifford, of Hatherton Hall, Staffordshire.

THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

The officers and crews of H.M.S. Alert and H.M.S. Discovery, the two ships lately returned from the exploration of the route to the North Pole above Smith Sound, Baffin's Bay, have been honoured with additional public festivities. The seamen of the paid-off crews were brought up from Portsmouth on Tuesday week, and, having arrived in London, were received, by invitation of the Lord Mayor, Sir Thomas White, at dinner in the Mansion House on the same evening. The dinner hour was half-past five; the entertainment was given in the ordinary style of City banquets. The sailors, marines, artillerymen, and petty officers, clad in their regulation dress, were presented to the Lord Mayor as they arrived, each man welcomed by his Lordship with a hearty shake of the hand. Invited to meet them were sheriffs, aldermen, councillors, and several representatives of former Arctic expeditions, now distinguished as "old Arcticists." The sailors came up, by permission of the Admiralty, under the command of Lieutenant Fulford and Lieutenant Giffard, who were the only officers present at the banquet, the honours of the City to the officers themselves being fixed for a later day. At dinner the men were served with the usual succession of viands and wines; and it is perhaps hardly necessary to say that among eighty men selected from the best of the Navy, each and all conducted themselves with unexceptionable propriety. A friendly feeling, if one may be permitted to say so, between the attendant domestics and the guests, was by no means to the disadvantage of the latter; and when after dinner Mr. Taylor, the toastmaster, mentioned each man by name, and invited him to join the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs in a loving cup, the honours of the occasion were complete. Jack was a little perplexed by the formal etiquette of the loving cup; but, finding the compound therein sweet and warm, waived any little difficulty by drinking deeply and honestly both to presenter and expectant. Due form was observed by the Lord Mayor in bringing before his guests "The health of the Queen and the Royal family;" but when this post-prandial ceremony was over his Lordship announced that each man would be provided with a pipe and an ounce of the best tobacco. With these accompaniments the Lord Mayor gave "The Navy and Army," feeling sure that if called upon the two services would do their duty—a sentiment which was loudly applauded. Mr. Emmerson, chief boatswain's mate of the Discovery, responded in a few brief and appropriate sentences expressive of the appreciation of the crews of the way in which they had been received on their return to England. Mr. Wood, colour-sergeant of the Royal Marines, who with his comrades gave variety to the circle of bluejackets around the Mansion House board by the hue of their scarlet uniforms, thanked the Lord Mayor very kindly for his hearty reception, and wished every body a happy Christmas. The health of Captain Sir George Nares, Captain Stephenson, and the other officers, with that of the crews, was proposed by the Lord Mayor. It was acknowledged by Mr. Joseph Good, chief boatswain's mate of the Alert, and by Mr. Eddy. The chief carpenter's mate, Mr. John Padmore, proposed "the Old Arcticists," to which Mr. Dore, the chief gunner, responded. The Lord Mayor's health was proposed by Sergeant Wellington, of the Royal Marines. There was plenty of good singing by Mr. Farquharson, Mr. Seymour Smith, Captain Skey, Mr. Wilford Morgan, and Mr. Bunyan, of the Discovery, the last-named singer being assisted in a duet by Mr. Emmerson. "The Alert Sledging Chorus," bearing a not distant relation to "The Barber's Daughter of Islington," was given with great spirit; and was followed, by express request, presumably from the chair, by a "walk round" dance by two of the company. The revels concluded at an early hour, the sailors having to return by train to their ships at Portsmouth.

The commanders and other officers of the Alert and Discovery were entertained at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor yesterday week, in company with other invited guests, to the number of three hundred. They included Captain Sir George Nares, K.C.B., and the following officers of the expedition:—Captain H. F. Stephenson, C.B., Captain Markham, Commanders Aldrich, Parr, and Beaumont, Captain Allen Young, Lieutenants May, Egerton, Giffard, Fulford, Arbuthnot, Conybeare, Archer, Rawson, and Pirie, Captain Fielden, R.M., Fleet Surgeon Ninnis, Staff Surgeon Moss, Dr. Colan, Dr. Coppinger, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Hart, Mr. Wootton, Mr. Miller, Mr. Cartmel, Dr. Horner, and the Rev. Mr. Hodson. Among the company were Admiral Sir Henry Codrington, Admiral Sir Alexander Milne, Sir Rutherford Alcock (President of the Royal Geographical Society), Sir James Hogg, M.P., General Sir Henry Rawlinson, Admiral Sir Richard Collinson, the Hon. Algernon Egerton, M.P., Admiral Houston Stewart (Controller of the Navy), Admirals Ommanney, C.B., Richards, C.B., Ingfield, C.B., and other distinguished naval officers. An Esquimaux chief named Alath, from the neighbourhood of Lancaster Sound, was one of the guests at table. The Lord Mayor, in due course, gave the health of Sir George Nares and of the other officers, non-commissioned officers, and crews of the Arctic squadron. In his speech of thanks for this compliment Sir George Nares referred to the "one dark spot" in the history of the expedition; he meant, the dreadful visitation of scurvy. He explained that the sledge parties were furnished with, as nearly as possible, the same rations that had proved fairly successful in all previous expeditions; without lime-juice for issue as a daily ration, because of the additional weight to be dragged, and the time which would be consumed in melting it for drink as a fluid; but with a small quantity for use as a medicine. No sledge party employed in the Arctic Regions during the cold month of April had ever been able to issue a daily ration of lime-juice. It was most desirable that some way should be invented of making it into a lozenge, as it could not be taken, under such circumstances, in the fluid form. Captain Stephenson also returned thanks for the toast. The health of Captain Allen Young, owner and Commander of the Pandora, was separately honoured with a toast.

The Royal Geographical Society, on Tuesday evening, received Sir George Nares, Captain Stephenson, and Captain Albert Hastings Markham, at St. James's Hall. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, vice-patron of the Society accompanied the President, Sir Rutherford Alcock, with the Duke of Sutherland, Sir Henry Rawlinson, Sir Bartle Frere, and Lord Houghton. A very instructive essay on "The North Circumpolar Sea" was read by Sir George Nares, followed by Captain Stephenson, with a description of "Arctic Winter Experiences," and by Captain Markham with an account of sledge-travelling. The Prince of Wales moved a vote of thanks to these gentlemen for their interesting contributions to the Society's proceedings.

A match between the English team and the Sydney Eleven was played out on Monday, the Sydney Eleven winning by two wickets.

In our description of the new Winter Garden and Aquarium at Bournemouth, accompanying the Illustration we gave last week, there was an accidental error; the dimensions of the floor area should have been stated at 21,000 square feet. Messrs. Fletcher, Lowndes, and Co., of Great George-street, Westminster, designed and constructed the building.



7 Putting the Wounded on the Hospital Barge at Semendria. 8 The Barge Starting. 9. Patients on Board. 10. Sending a Bottle of Wine from the Steamer to the Hospital Barge. 11. Arrival at Belgrade: Anxious Friends. 12. Bathing at the Hospital, Belgrade

THE WAR IN SERBIA: FOUR DAYS WITH THE BRITISH NATIONAL SOCIETY'S TRANSPORT.—FROM SKETCHES BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST.



THE YOUNG ITALIAN FRUIT-SELLER.



THE YOUNG FLAGEOLET-PLAYER.

The Extra Supplement.

H.M.S. DIDO IN A STORM.

The subject of our large Engraving is a powerful sketch, contributed by one of the officers, of a ship belonging to the Royal Navy in a violent conflict with the fury of the winds and waves, in the South Pacific Ocean. H.M.S. Dido, a ship of eight guns, under the command of Captain W. C. Chapman, was lately the flagship of the squadron on the Australian station. She has been relieved and come home. While on her way to England she encountered a furious hurricane, about two hundred miles west of the Strait of Magellan. It was about eight o'clock in the morning. The extreme force of the storm struck the vessel, at which time she was under storm-sails, consisting of close-reefed maintopsail and fore-staysail. These were at once blown away, and were followed soon after by the fore and main top-mast and the jib-boom. Our Illustration shows the ship in this condition. The gale abating in the afternoon, sail was made, and the Strait of Magellan was entered on the second day, where shelter was found, and defects were made good. The Dido arrived at Spithead, having called at Monte Video and the Azores for provisions and coal.

THE WAR IN SERBIA.

The preliminary meetings of the Conference of European Powers at Constantinople have begun this week; Lord Salisbury has had two long private conversations with General Ignatieff, the Russian Ambassador, and has also had an interview with the Sultan, who gave him a friendly reception. The Grand Vizier and Midhat Pasha have called upon Lord Salisbury and had some conversation with him. No Turkish representative appears at the preliminary meetings of the Conference; General Ignatieff presides, as the senior diplomatist at Constantinople; the French Secretary of Legation, the Comte de Morny, acts as Secretary to the Conference. The British fleet is to withdraw from Besika Bay to Salonica.

Our Special Artist in the late Servian campaign, Mr. Chantrey Corbould, has in this number of our Journal continued his series of sketches illustrating the scenes and incidents he witnessed during four days of a journey with the Ambulance Service of the British National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded, in that miserable war. The Illustrations given in our last week's publication were those of scenes along the road from Paratjin, in the rear of positions lately held by the Servian army, to Semendria, a town on the Danube, some miles below the city of Belgrade. We now present Illustrations of the voyage up that river, and the reception of the wounded soldiers in the Belgrade military hospital. A letter from Belgrade, dated the 7th inst., contains later information, as follows:—

"The National Aid Society gave up their hospital operations in Belgrade on the 1st of this month, which would have left the wounded in the lurch but for the spirited conduct of Dr. Attwood, the chief surgeon, who declared that he would not allow English humanity to suffer such a reproach to fall upon it, and immediately assumed the responsibility of continuing the hospital until the patients could be properly discharged. Native nurses were procured; Dr. Attwood assumed the payment of the necessary expenses, and Dr. Hume co-operated with him in devoting his services, unpaid, to carrying out the purpose so energetically undertaken. Dr. Attwood has made appeals to the people of England to help him to sustain this really national burden, and it is not possible that Englishmen will allow this courageous young surgeon to stagger unaided under the burden he has so chivalrously assumed. The propriety of turning over these severely wounded soldiers to native surgeons may be inferred from the fact that only a few days since a request was sent up to Belgrade from a large hospital near Paratjin for a surgeon to come down who was capable of performing an operation. Dr. Attwood has made arrangements with Messrs. Praed, bankers, Fleet-street, to receive any subscriptions which his sympathisers may desire to pay in towards winding up English operations in Servia in a creditable manner."

ITALIAN PEASANTRY.

The taste for picturesque simplicity, not to say rudeness, in the costume of human figures, may still be gratified in Central and Southern Italy. Those two Illustrations of "the Young Fruit-seller" and "the Young Flageolet-player," which appear this week among our Engravings, have all the character of genuine examples. They are, in fact, not the creations of an artist's fancy, but photographs from the life. It is from the series entitled "L'Italie Pittoresque," published by Messrs. Naya and Schöff, of Venice, that we have copied both the "Jeune Marchande de Fraises," and the "Jeune Pifferaro." These young persons, who might be of the same family, are stated to belong to the neighbourhood of Terracina, which is a town on the seacoast between Rome and Naples. It is to be feared that they have not enjoyed any great opportunities of mental culture; but the reader who would indulge a romantic hope of their future distinction in life may read Hans Christian Andersen's charming tale of "The Improvisatore." He will there find just such another little rustic boy and his sister, in the Campagna of Rome, and he will learn what became of them. We have met their like not only on the broad steps of the Trinità, in the Piazza di Spagna, but waiting outside the door of a painter's studio in Camden Town. The poor little "models" still wore those clumsy sandals of bullock-hide, laced over the instep and shin with long strips of leather, and those uncomely garments, or mere wrappings, of coarse blanket folded about the waist and shoulders, with an old jacket for Giannino, and a linen kerchief for Marietta; but they would have looked all the better for a touch of soap and water. Not, indeed, for artistic purposes, in which respect, we are free to confess, there is nothing so picturesque and romantic as the dirt of their native soil; and it will be a long time before that is washed off in their wanderings to a foreign city.

A keenly-contested boat-race took place upon the Tyne, last Saturday, between William Lumsden, of Blyth, and William Nicholson, of Stockton, for £200. Lumsden was the winner by a length.

The annual meetings of the National Reform Union were held, in Manchester, on Wednesday. In the annual report the committee expressed their gratification at the steady and continuous growth of the organisation and its constant and large accession of power.

Sir Stafford Northcote was, on Wednesday evening, entertained at dinner by his constituents and friends at Barnstaple, in celebration of his accession to the leadership of the House of Commons. The chair was filled by Lord Clinton, and the reception given to the guest of the evening was very enthusiastic. In responding to the toast given to his health, he defended the course taken by the Government in regard to the Eastern Question, which he believed would satisfy the country.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL NEWS.

FRANCE.

(From our Correspondent in Paris.)

Thursday, Dec. 14.

After another week of anxiety to one and all the Cabinet has been reconstituted, and the Ministerial crisis, that has been the theme of every tongue and every pen, is at an end. Last Thursday Marshal MacMahon again declared that, in the impossibility of forming a new Cabinet, he must positively refuse to accept the resignation of the Ministry, and again the latter body set to work to devise some generally acceptable combination. Accordingly, on Friday, a strenuous effort was made to induce M. Jules Simon to cast his lot with them. M. Dufaure himself used all his influence in a personal interview to bring this result about, but ineffectually; and, apparently chagrined at this, he declared that his colleagues were free to act as they pleased, but that he was determined to maintain his resignation. It became evident that the real point at issue was the desire of the Marshal to get rid of M. de Marcère, whose Republicanism he regarded as somewhat too outspoken, and to retain, at all costs, General Berthaud, of whose administrative capacity he has the highest opinion. He was prepared to accept almost any change on these terms; and as it was evident that a name of weight was absolutely necessary fresh attempts were made to secure M. Jules Simon. This time they were successful, and on Tuesday it was known that this gentleman had been sent for to the Elysée, and had accepted office. Wednesday's *Journal Officiel* published the list of the new Ministry, with M. Jules Simon as Minister of the Interior and Vice-President of the Cabinet, and M. Martel as Minister of Justice. The latter gentleman, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Senate, is, however, seriously unwell, and it is even possible that he may have to resign his newly-accepted office. M. Jules Simon has taken possession of the Ministry of the Interior, and his well-known Liberalism will, no doubt, induce him to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, M. de Marcère, so that the loss of the latter is less to be regretted. Generally, the feeling of relief at the close of the crisis has led to the display of a general disposition on the part of all parties, save the extreme Legitimists, to accept his appointment with favour, though the enmity existing between him and M. Gambetta may yet create trouble.

Proceedings in the Chambers have comprised a fair amount of what may be styled routine work, varied by some rather stormy scenes. On Thursday a member of the Chamber of Deputies created great confusion by proposing that, as there was no longer a Ministry, the discussion of the Budget should be adjourned till Monday. M. Léon Say opposed this, and it was finally decided, by 298 to 200, to continue the discussion. On Friday the Finance Minister made his statement, declaring that the condition of the revenue was unsatisfactory, that it was impossible to reduce taxation, and that any attempt at its redistribution would only result in general uneasiness. The development of foreign commerce, and the encouragement of a policy of free trade, were to be aimed at, whilst anything like an income tax was to be avoided. On Saturday there was a scene between M. Menier, the well-known chocolate manufacturer, and M. Paul de Cassagnac. The former gentleman was defining fixed as opposed to circulating capital, and the Bonapartist champion proposed to include in the latter category cocoa beans. M. Menier promptly retorted that his interrupter ought himself to know something about those articles, as large quantities had been supplied to his uncle and were still unpaid for, and suggested that the money would be acceptable from the nephew. Sharp retorts and general confusion followed, and the climax was reached by an individual in the gallery crying out "Vive Napoléon IV.!" which temporarily put a stop to the sitting. On Tuesday another squabble ensued as to the possibility of proceeding with the discussion of the revenue estimates till a responsible Ministry was formed, and it was finally agreed to postpone the question till Saturday.

The works of the International Exhibition are being actively pushed forward, both on the Champ de Mars and the Trocadero. The refusal of Germany to take part in this display has, of course, been felt; but the brightening prospects of European peace and the desire recently expressed by several minor States throughout the world to have space allotted to them have served to cheer up all interested in the undertaking.

An International Jewish Conference is being held here, with a view of calling attention to the treatment of the Jews in the East of Europe.

There have been several sensational suicides during the past week, amongst others that of an Englishman employed in the office of *Galignani's Messenger*, who shot himself through the heart on Sunday morning.

A young English lady, named Jackson, was some time back placed in a convent at Auteuil, by her step-mother, who was about to proceed to the West Indies. An attempt has been made by her legal guardian, a Mr. West, to have her transferred to his hands, according to a decision of the Lord Chancellor. On Tuesday, however, the French tribunal decided that they were not competent to adjudicate in the question.

Rain has been falling heavily, the Seine has risen and timorous people are prophesying the now usual winter floods.

SPAIN.

General Quesada has ordered the Basque Provinces to pay 18,500,000 reals for provisioning the army of occupation; this sum the deputations refuse to pay, declaring that the provinces are wanting in the necessary resources.

PORTUGAL.

Consequent upon the late heavy rainfall, the Tagus and Mondego have overflowed their banks and done considerable damage in some of the agricultural districts. The railway between Badajoz and Ciudad Real has been partially destroyed, and telegraphic communication with Spain interrupted.

BELGIUM.

On Sunday the Ministers of the Interior and of Justice paid a visit to the church which has been erected by the English residents in Brussels. The Ministers informed Mr. Lumley, the British Minister, that the Government would grant a subsidy of 20,000*fr.* for finishing the edifice.

SWITZERLAND.

M. Heer, the Vice-President of the Federal Assembly, has been elected President of the Confederation for the year 1877. Counsellor Dr. Schenk is the new Vice-President.

The Federal Government has appointed Dr. Arnold Roth its resident Minister at Pekin.

GERMANY.

The German Federal Council has passed the bill imposing differential duties upon articles which are favoured by export premiums in the countries from which they are sent.

The German Parliament has rejected by a large majority a proposal by Herr Windhorst to postpone until 1879 the abolition of the import duties on iron.

News of the Ob expedition has been received by the German Arctic Exploration Society, by telegram dated the 5th

inst., from Jenisseisk. Captain Wiggins reports that he has found a good harbour in the Podarata Bay, where he remained several weeks; he also reports that he has discovered a large island north of the mouth of the Ob, a new land route to the Janissei, and that he found good water-way up the Janissei to Kurjaha.

AUSTRO-HUNGARY.

In the sitting of the Austrian Chamber of Deputies, on Monday, the Minister of Commerce presented the Convention recently signed by Count Andrássy and Sir A. Buchanan, the British Ambassador, prolonging the expiring treaty with England to the end of 1877.

The Lower House of the Hungarian Diet has passed the bill for the purchase of the Eastern Railway by the State, and resolved that judicial proceedings should be taken against the contractors, builders, and directors of the line.

ROUMANIA.

One million and forty-five thousand lei (£41,800), asked by the Government to defray the expenses for the maintenance of the concentrated army until the end of the year has been voted by the Chamber of Deputies. The abolition of preventive arrest in the cases of persons charged with offences under the press laws has been unanimously voted.

GREECE.

On M. Deligeorges, the new Premier, meeting the Greek Parliament, last Saturday, a vote of confidence in his Ministry was rejected by 85 votes to 57. Thereupon he and his colleagues resigned. M. Zaimis, says an Athens telegram of Sunday evening's date, will form a coalition Ministry composed of the members of the majority and the party of M. Coumoundouros.

AMERICA.

The United States Senate has rejected an amendment proposing that the votes given at the Presidential election should be counted by the Supreme Court.

The House of Representatives is considering other business than the Presidency. Two Appropriation Bills have been reported, and the committee are framing others. The House, by 167 to 53, has passed Mr. Bland's bill making the silver dollar a legal tender for all debts, public and private, except where payment in gold coin is required by law.

The Circuit Court in South Carolina has decided that the Supreme Court of the State had no jurisdiction with respect to the action of the board of canvassers.

The Republican Legislature of South Carolina has elected Mr. D. T. Corbin United States senator.

The Florida Election Canvassers have declared the Republican State Ticket elected.

Both the National Committees have issued addresses declaring their respective candidates, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Tilden, elected to the presidency. The Democratic party in Indiana have summoned a State Convention to consider the subject of the presidential election. A serenade was given at Dayton, Ohio, on Wednesday evening, in honour of Mr. Hayes, who made a tranquillising speech on the occasion, expressing his faith in the saving common-sense of the American people to prevent the Government becoming Mexicanised in character. "Whatever the lawful authorities may declare the result of the presidential election to be," continued Mr. Hayes, "you and I will quietly submit; and I believe that the great majority of the Opposition party will do the same."

The action brought by the Emma Mining Company against Mr. Park and others came on for trial on Wednesday, in the United States Court, New York.

Seventy-five bodies, unrecognised and unclaimed victims of the Brooklyn catastrophe, were buried, on Saturday, at the public expense. There was a large funeral procession, and the business of the city was partially suspended. One hundred and three bodies were buried in a large circular grave on Battle-hill, in the Greenwood Cemetery, and there were also thirty private funerals. One thousand troops, with a large civic procession, escorted the hearses bearing the coffins. Buildings were generally draped with mourning emblems, and business was entirely suspended. Large subscriptions are being made for the destitute relatives.

A sudden break-up of the ice in the Mississippi above St. Louis, on Wednesday, crushed several steam-boats at the Levée, causing a loss of 200,000*dols.* No person was hurt.

CANADA.

A committee of the citizens of Toronto has been formed to consider plans for an International Exhibition in 1879.

The House of Bishops of the Province of Canada have unanimously agreed to recommend the formation of a new diocese, with Ottawa as its centre. The Bishops of the Canadian Church, on the same occasion, passed a resolution in favour of the expediency of holding a second conference at Lambeth.

INDIA.

The *Times'* correspondent at Calcutta states, in his weekly telegram, that the Viceroy reached Jacobabad on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., accompanied by Lady Lytton, Sir William Merewether, Commissioner of Scinde, and others. He was received with much enthusiasm. Next day Lord Lytton had an interview with the Khan of Khelat, and ratified all the measures initiated by Major Sandeman for the pacification and future good government of Khelat. The subsidy formerly paid to the Khan, which has been withdrawn since 1873, has now been restored and increased to £10,000 per annum. Major Sandeman is appointed Political Agent at Khelat. The Viceroy left Jacobabad last Saturday for Sukkur, and proceeds thence down the Indus to Kotree, arriving at Kurrachee on Tuesday, and Bombay on Saturday. The Imam of Muscat sends a deputation, headed by his brother, to the Delhi Assemblage. A deputation from Nepal will also attend. Owing to the anticipated famine, the Governor of Bombay will stay only two days at Delhi, and few Madras or Bombay chiefs will attend. Mr. Wheeler, Under-Secretary to the Foreign Department, has been directed by Government to write a history of the Assemblage.

The correspondent says there is little fresh news regarding the Bombay and Madras famine prospects, but it is stated that grain is pouring into the Bombay distressed districts from Central India and the North-West.

The emigration from Liverpool in November included 3129 persons—nearly 2000 fewer than the number for October.

The *Sussex Daily News* reports that the yacht *Sunbeam*, in which Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brassey and family are making a voyage round the world, arrived at Valparaiso on Oct. 21.

Invitations have been given by the Vatican to the Catholic countries to take part in the exhibition of ecclesiastical objects, to be opened in the month of June, 1877, on the occasion of the episcopal jubilee.

Intelligence telegraphed from Tashkend, on Tuesday, states that on the 9th of last month the Chinese captured Mona's last stronghold, murdering 1500 Dagans, not reckoning women and children. The Chinese are reported to have been armed with breechloaders, in the use of which they were partially instructed by two foreigners.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

The annual distribution of prizes to the members of the 26th Middlesex, for efficiency in shooting and drill, was made on Tuesday week, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Before the ceremony Lieutenant-Colonel Kennard (the commanding officer) gave some particulars with regard to the corps. After referring to its satisfactory state, he said that the numbers composing it had been raised from 791, at which they stood last year, to 878; 114 had retired, and 141 recruits had joined the corps during the year. The efficient were 722, and the non-efficient 98. Seventy officers and non-commissioned officers had attained the necessary proficiency to entitle them to the usual Government grant, and the proceeds had been invested with a view of securing a new range. In conclusion, he referred to the great credit which the regiment did itself by its soldier-like bearing and good marching at the recent review held in Hyde Park in honour of the Prince of Wales's return from India. The prizes, which were distributed by Mrs. Kennard, included the Belgian challenge cup, presented for annual competition by the Chasseurs Eclaireurs, of Brussels, and the Belgians who visited Wimbledon in 1865. The cup has now been twice won by the corps. The best shot in the regiment proved to be Sergeant Allison. As usual at the annual gatherings of the corps, the room, on the prize-list having been gone through, was cleared for dancing, which was briskly carried on till ten o'clock.

The spacious drill-hall of the 1st Surrey, at Camberwell, was well filled, on Wednesday week, by the friends of the regiment to witness the ceremony of the presentation, by Mrs. Gardiner, the wife of the commanding officer, of the prizes won during the last year. Colonel Gardiner, in opening the proceedings, said that during the year just closed the 1st Surrey had held their own both in numbers and efficiency, they having increased from 301 to 306, with a percentage of 85 against 83'61 efficient. The number of marksmen was fifty-eight. He reviewed the work of the year, referring more particularly to the camp at Wimbledon, which he hoped they would never think of giving up. Their inspection had been most favourable, and the report had been highly satisfactory to the Commander-in-Chief. After criticising the prize-list, and announcing a new skirmishing prize for the ensuing season, he called upon Mrs. Gardiner to present the prizes. The winner of the "three stars" was Sergeant C. W. Davis, Corporal Messenger securing three challenge cups and as many silver medals, the others falling to Sergeant Challoner, Private Foster, and Lieutenant Neville.

A brilliant company assembled at Willis's Rooms, yesterday week, to witness the annual presentation of prizes to members of the St. George's Rifles, amongst those present being Lieutenant-General D. Lysons, C.B., Q.M.G., and a large number of officers of various regiments. Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. Lindsay, who presided, addressed those present at considerable length. In the course of his remarks he congratulated the regiment on their increased strength, they having 500 efficient against 473 in the previous year.

Several distributions of prizes took place last Saturday.

The members of the London Rifle Brigade received their prizes from the Lady Mayoress at the Crystal Palace. At five the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs, wearing their robes of office, and preceded by the City Marshal and the sword and mace bearers, arrived, and were received with a general salute. Colonel Hayter, M.P., who was in command of the regiment, made a short statement, from which it appeared that the number of efficient in the last year was 594, of whom 146 were marksmen. The best company for general efficiency was D (Earl Waldegrave's), the next in order being G (Captain E. P. Rowsell's). Every officer of the regiment had earned a certificate of proficiency. During the year they had, as usual, held two camps, one at Wimbledon and the other at Mitcham, the latter of which was inspected by Colonel De Horsey, who was greatly pleased with it. The distribution was then proceeded with by the Lady Mayoress, the last man to receive his reward being Private H. Smith, the gold medalist of the year. The Lord Mayor shortly addressed the regiment, assuring them of his satisfaction at their appearance and his pleasure in following the example of so many of his predecessors.

The 2nd Middlesex (Custom House) Artillery paraded in the Guildhall, and received their prizes won during the past year from the hands of their commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William Palliser, C.B., who, in his address, congratulated them on their present strength (603), and exhorted them to use every means to recruit until they attained double that number. The prizes were then presented to the winners, after which an inspection of the regiment brought the proceedings to a close.

Beaufort House, Walham-green, was, as usual, the scene of the prize distribution of the South Middlesex. Lord Ranelagh, in a preliminary address, said that, at the end of their seventeenth year, they had to record continued progress. They were well off pecuniarily; while in shooting it was sufficient say that one member of the corps held the bronze medal; while another, Mr. Pullman, had won the Queen's prize—not the first time that feat had been accomplished by a South Middlesex man. His Lordship then introduced Mrs. Langtry to present the prizes, which duty she performed in a most graceful manner. The gold medal of the corps was taken by Private G. E. Ewen, Lord Ranelagh's prize by Lieutenant Cresswell, the Chaplain's challenge cup by Bugle-Major Matthews, and the first prizes, in two series, by Private G. E. Ewen and Private T. Pullman.

The prizes of the West Middlesex were presented to the winners, at the Eyre Arms, St. John's-wood, by Mrs. Barber, the wife of the commanding officer. Colonel Barber stated that the corps' total strength was 395, four less than last year, and the efficient had also decreased from 363 to 344, and consequently the non-efficient had increased from thirty-six to fifty-one. However, they struck off 112 paper men and enrolled 154 new members; and, as the strength at the present time was 438, there was little doubt that the coming season would see a great improvement in the efficiency returns. The corps had during the season sent for the first time a few members to the summer drills at Aldershot, who had been highly complimented. The Marksmen's Cup was won by Corporal Edmonds (best shot of the battalion—99); the Borough Members' Old Cup, by Colour-Sergeant Stewart; the Borough Members' New Cup, by Lieutenant Bell; and the other prizes were very numerous and valuable. At the termination an interesting incident occurred in the presentation of a sword to Colour-Sergeant Stewart by his comrades of No. 2 company on his promotion to quartermaster. The latter part of the evening was devoted to dancing.

The 40th Middlesex (Central London Rifle Rangers) had a most numerous gathering at their prize distribution at the Hall in Gray's Inn. Colonel Howard Vincent presided, supported by General Lysons and other officers. The Colonel stated that the regiment was in a very good condition, and had every promise for the future. The total strength is 541 as compared

with 475 a year ago; and 116 recruits have joined as compared with 54 last year. The Colonel's medal to the best shot went to Corporal Willson (94 in 1st and 2nd); A company took the prize for the largest average attendance in proportion to strength at company parades; Major Miller's prize for the greatest number of efficient went to E company; General Scarlett's Challenge Vase was won by Colour-Sergeant Calver; the Hon. H. Campbell's Vase by Corporal Jenn; and the Inhabitants' Challenge Cup by A company. Major-General D. Lysons reminded the volunteers of the position which they occupied under the Army mobilisation scheme. There was not a single armed man in Britain who had been forgotten, and who had not been assigned a specific duty and an actually designated post. The eight army corps formed but a very small portion of the great scheme for the defence of the country. They were merely what was called the field or manœuvring army, a service for which the volunteer force was not adapted. There were a great many other duties equally important, and quite as honourable; and these the volunteers had been told off for.

METROPOLITAN NEWS.

Mr. S. P. Jackson has been elected a full member of the Society of Painters in Water Colours.

The annual football-match between the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge has been played at Kennington-oval, and resulted in an easy victory for the latter.

The Goldsmiths' Company has granted £25 in support of the establishment of working lads' institutes in the metropolis, as advocated at the recent meeting at the Mansion House.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, together with the Sheriffs, and attended by the Sword and Mace Bearer, paid a visit in state, last Saturday, to the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, in Westow-street, Upper Norwood, and were present at a concert given by the pupils.

A meeting of the Hospital Sunday Fund Committee was held at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, the Lord Mayor presiding, at which a resolution was passed fixing Sunday, June 17 next, as the day for making the usual collections throughout the metropolis.

At a festival of the Hackney Liberal Club, held, on Wednesday evening, at the Cannon-street Hotel, speeches criticising the action of the Government in regard to the Eastern Question and the laws relating to education, were delivered by Mr. Fawcett, M.P., Mr. Holms, M.P., and Sir Henry Havelock.

At the meeting of the Society of Arts on Wednesday night, a paper on Stenochromy was read by Mr. E. Meyerstein. It was intended to explain a new invention for the printing of an unlimited number of shades of colours at one impression; and the author displayed specimens which show a great advance upon anything of the kind hitherto produced.

The weekly return of metropolitan pauperism shows that the total number of paupers last week (the first week of December) was 82,807, of whom 37,821 were in workhouses, and 44,986 received outdoor relief. Compared with the corresponding weeks in 1875, 1874, and 1873, these figures show a decrease of 3429, 12,192, and 21,172 respectively.

On Wednesday night the Gaelic Society of London (Comunn na Gaidhlig) held its annual meeting for business at its chambers, 1, Adam-street, Adelphi—the President, Mr. John Cameron Macphie, in the chair. The objects of this society are the preservation of the language, music, poetry, and literature of the Highlands of Scotland, and the cognizance of matters of special interest to Highlanders.

Mr. Goschen, M.P., attended a meeting of the creditors of the Daira of Egypt, on Tuesday, convened at the City Terminus Hotel by the Council of Foreign Bondholders, and elaborately explained to them their position under the late decree of the Khedive. After some discussion, it was resolved that Mr. Goschen should be asked to take the management both of the Consolidated Loan and of the floating debt.

Benevolence acts in divers ways, some of them being unaccountable to ordinary minds. With a view to relieve the distress prevailing in the Turkish army from want of winter clothing and tents, a meeting of noblemen and gentlemen was held, on Tuesday, at Stafford House—under the presidency of the Duke of Sutherland—when it was resolved to form a committee and to appeal to the public for subscriptions. Incidentally it was stated that Lord Blantyre had promised to give £1000 in aid of the funds.

Under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury, a large gathering of the promoters and supporters of the proposal to erect a memorial to the late Mr. George Moore met, on Tuesday, at the Cannon-street Hotel. It was moved by Lord Hampton that the services of the deceased gentleman in the cause of education and philanthropy should be publicly recognised and their memory perpetuated by some fitting testimonial. This and another resolution, moved by Mr. Samuel Morley, to raise a public subscription for the purpose, were carried unanimously.

At the meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, yesterday week, the works and general purposes committee, reporting as to the proposal received from the War Department on the subject of Wormwood-scrubbs, with a view to the same being secured as an open space for the public, subject to a reservation to the War Department of the right of exercising the troops thereon, recommended that the proposal be accepted, and that it be referred back to the committee to make arrangements for the presentation of a memorial for a scheme under the Metropolitan Commons Act, 1866, for that purpose. Mr. Roche, in moving the adoption of the report, said that Wormwood-scrubbs was 194 acres in extent; and in purchasing the rights of the lords of the manor and of the fee simple the cost to the Government had been £52,615. The Government proposed that the land should become vested in the Board without any payment whatever, but they asked in return that the Board should take the ground, not for the purposes of a park, but under the Commons Act, to preserve it as an open space for the benefit of the public. Mr. Runtz, who seconded the motion, considered the offer one of the handsomest the Board had ever received. Mr. Leslie moved the adjournment of the question for a fortnight. The motion was not seconded, and Mr. Roche's resolution was carried by 25 votes against 2.

There was a decline last week in the mortality from small-pox in the metropolis. The deaths, which had been 43 and 67 in the two preceding weeks, were 50 last week, of which 19 were certified as unvaccinated, and 16 as vaccinated; in the remaining 15 cases the medical certificates did not furnish any information as to vaccination. There is no decline, however, in the prevalence of the epidemic. The three smallpox hospitals at Homerton, Stockwell, and Hampstead contained 586 patients on Saturday last, against numbers increasing steadily from 185 to 529 in the six preceding weeks. The total number of deaths registered in London last week was 1446, and of births 2410.

THE CHURCH.

Bagshawe, A. Drake, 'o be Rector of Taynton.
Baugh, Curate of St. Mary Major, Exeter.
Bone, W.; Vicar of St. John's, Lemsford, Welwyn, Herts.
Bowman, I.; Vicar of South Creak, Norfolk.
Cox, J. M.; Rector of St. Mary Steps, Exeter.
Crosbie, H. A.; Curate (sole charge) of Bamber Bridge.
Darell-Brown, Lionel E.; Vicar of Welland.
Dearden, Henry Wodehouse; Vicar of St. John's, Upper Holloway.
Eliot, William; Vicar of Aston-juxta-Birmingham.
George, James; Chaplain of the General Hospital, Birmingham.
Hussey, James; Vicar of Compton Chamberlayne, Wilts.
Jickling, F.; Rector of Glatton, Hants.
Kelley, Maitland; Vicar of Salscombe, Devon.
Long, Charles H. K.; Vicar of Swindon, Lincolnshire.
Macdonald, H. F.; Incumbent of St. Paul's, Leamington.
Overy, Henry; Vicar of St. Veep, Lostwithiel, Cornwall.
Rider, John Thomas; Perpetual Curate of St. John's, Carrington.
Sanderson, John; Vicar of Glenthworth, Lincolnshire.
Scott, M. H.; Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral.
Smith, Francis; Priest-Chaplain of Stratford-on-Avon.
Stretton, Henry; Perpetual Curate of Eastville and Midville, Lincolnshire.
Trollope, John J.; Rural Dean of the Forest (Southern Division), in the Diocese of Gloucester and Bristol.
Watson, John Boden; Incumbent of St. John's, Wimborne Minster.
Wilcox, H. A. M.; Vicar of Wolston.
Williams, Thomas; Minor Canon in Bangor Cathedral.
Wallas, G. J.; Rector of Shobrooke; Vicar of Barnstaple.
Wood, Hugh Hathorn; Rector of Langar with Barnstone, Notts.—*Guardian*.

The Rev. William Adamson has received an anonymous gift of £2000 from "A Friend" towards the erection of St. Paul's Church, Old Ford; and the Bishop of London's Fund has contributed £1000 to meet this donation.

The Bishop of London preached in St. Jude's Church, South Kensington, on Sunday last, in aid of the fund being raised for the completion of the church by the erection of a tower and spire. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and the collection amounted to £412.

At a meeting of the Liverpool Deanery, on Monday, a unanimous resolution was passed that Liverpool should be constituted a separate bishopric, independent of that of Chester. A maintenance fund of £100,000 is required, of which £10,000 has been promised.

Archdeacon Trollope writes to the *Guardian*, stating that he has received another munificent contribution towards the endowment of a see for Nottinghamshire—namely, £500 from Canon Beridge. "One more similar gift will bring up the sum total subscribed in two months to a third of the £10,000 proposed to be collected in a year; so that, if contributions should continue to flow in at the same rate, this £10,000 will have been presented in half the time suggested—namely, in six months instead of in a year."

THE EASTERN QUESTION CONFERENCE.

The scene represented in our large Engraving, is that of yesterday week, in St. James's Hall, at the evening meeting of the remarkable "Conference," attended by more than a thousand delegates from all parts of the United Kingdom, to express public opinion on "the Eastern Question." Its objects were more particularly to discuss the present misgovernment of the Turkish Empire, and the hopelessness of reforms from the Ottoman Government; the responsibilities of Europe, and of England in particular, in reference to the Eastern Question; to review the course of recent negotiations, the present diplomatic situation, and the means of averting European war; to consider what the Powers assembled in conference ought to exact from Turkey in the way of reforms, and of securities for their being carried out; and to protest against war for the Ottoman Power, and against holding out hopes of support to that Power in case of war. The invitation to hold this conference was signed by above one hundred persons, the list of whose names had been published, including many of the most distinguished men of the day in both Houses of Parliament, in the Church and the Nonconformist ministry, in science, literature, and art, in commerce, and in social philanthropy, with numerous representatives of different political parties. In addition to the delegates appointed by meetings in London and in the provincial towns, a large number of other persons were also admitted by tickets, and the immense hall was crowded in every part. Ladies were accommodated in the galleries. The Duke of Westminster, K.G., presided at the morning meeting of the Conference, and the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., in the evening. On the platform were the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., Sir G. Campbell, M.P., the Bishop of Oxford, Mr. Mundella, M.P., Mr. Stansfeld, M.P., Sir T. Bazley, M.P., Mr. Cowper-Temple, M.P., Mr. Alderman M'Arthur, M.P., Mr. Richard, M.P., Mr. M'Laren, M.P., Lord Waverley, Sir H. Havelock, M.P., Mr. Osborne Morgan, M.P., Mr. E. Jenkins, M.P., Mr. Fawcett, M.P., Sir T. F. Buxton, Mr. S. Morley, M.P., Mr. Trevelyan, M.P., the Hon. Leveson-Gower, M.P., the Rev. Canon Liddon, the Rev. W. Denton, the Rev. Dr. Moffat, and others.

The speakers in the morning were the Duke of Westminster; Sir George Campbell, late Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal; the Rev. W. Denton, Vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Cripplegate, who resided some time in Serbia and Bulgaria; Mr. Anthony Trollope, the popular novelist; Sir T. Fowell Buxton; the Bishop of Oxford; Mr. Henry Richard, M.P., a leading member of the Peace Society; Mr. G. Howell, late secretary to the Trades Unions' Parliamentary Committee; the Rev. Prebendary Morse, Vicar of Nottingham; the Hon. Evelyn Ashley, M.P., formerly private secretary to Lord Palmerston, and his biographer; Mr. James Bryce, Professor of Civil Law at Oxford University; the Rev. Dr. Allon, editor of the *British Quarterly*; Mr. Robert Leake, delegate from Manchester; Mr. S. Morley, M.P., and Sir Henry Havelock, M.P. The Conference, having sat three hours from noon at its first meeting, adjourned but for one hour. Lord Shaftesbury took the chair at four o'clock. The speakers from that hour till eight in the evening were the Rev. Canon Liddon, who lately visited Serbia; Lord Waverley; Mr. G. Trevelyan, M.P.; Lord A. Russell, M.P.; Mr. E. A. Freeman, the historian; Mr. Leveson-Gower, M.P.; Mr. J. S. Wright, delegate from Birmingham; Mr. Broadhurst, a delegate of the Trades Unions; Professor H. Fawcett, M.P.; the Marquis of Ailesbury; the Rev. Baldwin Brown, Sir Thomas Bazley, Bart., and the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P.

The late Prime Minister, and leader of the Liberal party, was greeted with enthusiastic cheering when he first appeared on the platform, again on his rising to speak, and repeatedly in the course of his speech, which was moderate and reserved in dealing with the political incidents of the question, but perfectly decided upon the necessity of enforcing a complete change in the European provinces of the Turkish empire. Our illustration shows Mr. Gladstone in the act of speaking, at the right hand of the chair, which is occupied by the Earl of Shaftesbury. The well-known faces of Professor Fawcett, the Rev. Dr. Moffat, and Mr. S. Morley will be recognised among those seated nearest the right hon. gentleman. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the noble chairman, proposed by the Right Hon. W. Cowper-Temple, M.P., and seconded by Mr. Pease, M.P.

The Conference resolved to form an association, with a large standing committee, to watch the course of events, and take such action as may be thought fit.



THE EASTERN QUESTION: CONFERENCE AT ST JAMES'S HALL.—MR. GLADSTONE SPEAKING.

MUSIC.

The last Monday Popular Concert of the year took place this week, and the last of the afternoon performances in association therewith occurs to-day (Saturday). At the morning concert of last Saturday Mr. Franklin Taylor was the pianist, and played, with admirable style and mechanism, Sir W. Sterndale Bennett's solo sonata entitled "Joan of Arc" (written in illustration of passages from Schiller's tragedy), and the pianoforte part of Schumann's trio in D minor. Herr Strauss executed with great success a sonata by Pierre Gaviniès (with pianoforte accompaniment), and led Haydn's quartet in D major (No. 4 of Op. 20). Miss Ellen Horne was the vocalist, and Sir Julius Benedict the accompanist. At this week's evening concert Mdlle. Anna Mehlig was again the pianist. Her solo was Schumann's toccata, in C (op. 7), the extreme difficulties of which were executed with admirable skill. An encore was replied to by playing the same composer's "Traumenscenen." The excellence of the artist was also successfully displayed, in association with Signor Piatti, in Chopin's Introduction and Polonoise for pianoforte and violoncello, and in Brahms's quartet in G minor for those instruments and violin (Herr Strauss), and viola (Mr. Zerbini). The concert opened with Schubert's fine string quintet in C major, admirably executed by the gentlemen just named, in association with Mr. L. Ries as second violin, and Signor Pezza as second violoncello. Mdlle. Redeker sang some German lieder with much expression; and Sir J. Benedict was the accompanist.

The performance of "Elijah" by the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society, directed by Mr. Barnby, on Thursday week, displayed the fine singing of the choir to great effect in the noble choruses which form such important features in the work. The principal solo-singers were Mesdames Sinico and Antoinette Sterling, Mr. J. H. Pearson and Signor Foli; Misses A. Sinclair, H. Arnin, and Messrs. J. Mellor, O. Christian, and S. Smith having efficiently co-operated in some of the concerted pieces. The chief effect of the evening in the solo music was made by Madame Sterling's fine delivery of the contralto air "O, rest in the Lord," which was encored. Haydn's "Creation" was performed at the Royal Albert Hall last Thursday evening, when the choruses were rendered by the fine choir organised and directed by Mr. William Carter, who conducted. "The Messiah" is to be given by the Albert Hall Choral Society on Monday.

The oratorio just named is to be performed at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday next.

The production of an English version of the "Alcestis" of Euripides at the Crystal Palace, on Tuesday, is noticed in our dramatic column, and we have here to refer to the incidental music—choral and orchestral—which was composed for the occasion by Mr. Henry Gadsby, several of whose previous compositions have from time to time been favourably commented on by us. The drama is preceded by a well-written overture, in which the serious and dignified interest of the work is successfully foreshadowed. In the choruses the same earnest tone is preserved, with a pervading broad simplicity of style that accords well with the characteristics of the stage interest. There is no music for solo voices, and the composer has, as a distinctive feature, generally adopted tonal, rather than dominant, harmony. The choral unison is frequently employed with very good effect, and the orchestral writing is skilful and varied, some very characteristic passages occurring in the accompaniments to portions of the spoken dialogue. The choruses were well sung by a choir of about forty amateur gentlemen, and the music was throughout much applauded, Mr. Gadsby having been called on at the close of the performance, a very important feature in which was the co-operation of the excellent band of the Crystal Palace, with Mr. Mauns as conductor.

Last Saturday's Crystal Palace concert included fine orchestral performances of the overture to Robert Schumann's only opera, "Genoveva," Sir W. Sterndale Bennett's symphony in G minor, and Liszt's "Mazeppa." The two first-named works have been given on several previous occasions here, the last having been performed for the first time. This forms one of a series of nine pieces, under the general title of "Symphonische Dichtungen," some of which have been heard at the concerts of the Wagner Society and at those of Mr. Walter Bache. In "Mazeppa," as in the other numbers of the series to which it belongs, there are passages of power, alternated with others in which effort and eccentricity are apparent, the orchestration being generally characterised by much resonance and brilliancy. Dr. Ferdinand Hiller's elaborate and difficult pianoforte concerto in F sharp minor was very finely played by Mdlle. Anna Mehlig; and vocal solos were contributed by Miss Ida Corani and Mr. F. H. Celli.

An evening concert took place at Exeter Hall, on Wednesday, in aid of the Church Schoolmasters' and Schoolmistresses' Benevolent Institution. The programme included a performance of Signor Randegger's cantata "Fridolin."

"St. Paul" was given by the Sacred Harmonic Society yesterday evening—too late for notice until next week.

Madame Patti's benefit in Moscow, last Tuesday night, was a tremendous success. More than 300 bouquets were showered upon her, and she was presented with a pair of diamond and sapphire earrings.

A series of weekly evening concerts was announced to commence yesterday (Friday) at Langham Hall.

THEATRES.

CRYSTAL PALACE.

The simplicity and beauty of Euripides's "Alcestis," together with its remarkable pathos, have made it an especial favourite with classical students. The two worlds, natural and spiritual, united themselves in old Greek poetry. The gods conversed familiarly of and with men, and thin was the partition that divided them. Here we have Apollo and Thanatos serving as prologue to the slender dramatic action, and Hercules involved in its immediate current. Admetus, the husband of Alcestis, had been the master of Apollo when, disguised as a shepherd, he took service in his house; and Apollo is willing to serve him—now that he is sick to death, unless some other can be obtained to bear his doom. His father, mother, and numerous friends refuse the responsibility. Thanatos resents the interference of Apollo, but is compelled to accept the sacrifice of the wife for that of the husband. It happens that Hercules is passing on his way to Thrace, and takes up the cause of the bereaved husband, rescues his departed wife from the grasp of death, and brings her veiled to the inconsolable Admetus as a stranger needing his protection. He had promised Alcestis never to wed a second time, and he refuses all solicitation. In reward for his constancy, Hercules removes the veil, and discovers to him his recovered wife, to the great delight of both. This situation has been more than once repeated by Shakspeare, Sheridan Knowles, and other dramatic poets, and has frequently been made the subject of painting. Its success in all shapes is

indisputable. The very simplicity of this theme and these incidents makes it difficult to perform. We cannot say that the company engaged to act it, on Tuesday, at the Crystal Palace, was equal to the task of adequately representing the characters. For the most part, from the want of an elaborate and distinct delivery, the dialogue was scarcely heard at all. Mr. W. Rignold, as Hercules, was the only one who trusted the audience with the secret of what he was saying. The Apollo and Thanatos were wholly inefficient; and the two ladies, Ide and Alcestis, were both unequal to the task. A venture so important as the production of an eminently classic drama by Euripides should have been supported by first-class histrionic talent, or not attempted at all. The remarks on the music and the chorus will be found in another column.

"Enoch Arden," a dramatisation, by Arthur Matthison, of Tennyson's poem, was produced on Thursday for the first time at the Crystal Palace. The Poet Laureate had given his special sanction to the drama.

DRURY LANE.

An accident happened, on Tuesday, at this theatre to Mr. Barry Sullivan during the performance of "Richard III." In the final scene Mr. Sullivan was struck by Mr. Sinclair in recovering his sword after a downward blow, and one side of his face was severely cut, the eye narrowly escaping the injury. The curtain instantly fell, and the audience were informed of the unfortunate cause.

GAIETY.

The only dramatic event of importance in London for the present week is a Gaiety matinee, on Saturday, when the singular drama of "Robert Macaire" was performed (having been reduced to one act for the purpose), and Mr. Toole and Mr. Collette were exhibited together as Jacques Strop and his foolhardy leader. The make-up of both was extravagantly characteristic, and the business introduced extremely ludicrous. The privilege of gagging was carried to excess. Nothing more comical was ever witnessed.

The Lyceum Theatre reopens to-day, when Mr. Irving, who returns from his provincial triumphs, will appear as Macbeth; and Miss Bateman, who has also met with great success during an extended tour, will, as before, sustain the character of Lady Macbeth. Last Saturday, in Trinity College, Dublin, Mr. Irving was presented with an address from the graduates and undergraduates, read by Mr. Edward Gibson, Q.C., M.P. Mr. Irving's reply was loudly cheered. He afterwards played Hamlet to an audience which included the Duke of Connaught.

THE MAGAZINES.

Mr. Blackmore's "Erema" is a story worthy of his reputation, and of itself sufficient to make and keep a public for the *Cornhill*. Its abundance of sensational details seems excused by the location of the action in a wild and strange region; and the author's pictures of American scenery and character are as vivid and vigorous as anything he has done at home. There is, moreover, a fine sense of freedom and airiness about the story, a feeling of escape from cramping home circumstances, which recommends it especially to a generation of readers perhaps somewhat overdone with close introspection and minute detail. It must differ strikingly from the poetry of Charles, Duke of Orleans, in the fifteenth century, if this be correctly analysed by the author of a remarkably well-written critique on this literary Prince, in which he is represented as equally in politics and letters a gentle, fastidious amateur. The finish thus imparted to his poetry has, however, preserved it to an antiquity which Mr. Blackmore's novels will hardly reach. A paper on Cowley is also most elegantly written, and full of sound criticism; and the remarks of another essayist, whose theme is the overculture of modern poets, even if somewhat cavilling and onesided, deserve the attention of those whom they concern. The history of North Polar discovery is ably summed up in another article.

We regret not to be able to accord to the unnecessarily tragic conclusion of "Madeap Violet" in *Macmillan* the same cordial praise which we have bestowed on the general course of the story. Mr. Black's power of pathos would have been admitted without so almost wanton an exercise. The Hon. Hugh Elliot's essay on Colonel Barré is not only an excellent account of this vehement and incorruptible politician, the friend of Shelburne and Dunning, but embodies some vivid sketches of his leading contemporaries. Miss Octavia Hill's "More excellent way of charity" is sufficiently recommended by her name, and all readers of poetry will welcome a reprint of Mr. Arnold's exquisitely-musical, though too palpably academical, "New Sirens." "Letty's Globe," by Charles Tennyson Turner, is a really charming sonnet.

Blackwood has only one striking contribution, but it is one of unusual merit. It is one of those weird, thrilling stories of which this magazine alone seems to possess the secret, and which light up its pages at intervals fortunately not too long. "The Secret Chamber" would rank with the best of its class if the author had been able to evolve a satisfactory dénouement from a situation more easy to imagine than to work out to a logical issue. There is nothing else of mark except the continuation of "The Woman Hater," and a review of Colonel Prejevalsky's travels in Central Asia.

Fraser also mainly relies upon a single article of extraordinary interest, engrossing, in this instance, nearly a third of its space. The Chaplain of the Discovery's Arctic narrative is a model of graphic description and vivacious good humour, bringing all the ordinary features of Arctic adventure vividly before the eye, though contributing little of positive novelty. Those who hate Russia might be gratified, and those who fear her comforted, by the sombre picture of commercial and industrial decay traced in the paper on "Russian Progress," but for the consideration, strongly insisted on throughout, that her ability to take British manufactures must be impaired in an equal ratio. It must be hoped that a picture so dismal for both nations is overcharged. An essay on Melancthon deals chiefly with him in his aspect as professor and philologist. Two articles on "Eyes and Eyeglasses" and "The Teaching of Biology in Schools" are thoroughly sound and instructive.

Two thoughtful writers on the Eastern Question in the *Fertnightly Review* combine to impress thoughtful readers with a sense of its delicacy and difficulty. Mr. Harrison inclines rather to the Turk, Professor Bryce to the Christian; but practically both are agreed that the influence of England must be exerted in the cause of peace and humanity under a painful sense that her actions may only intensify the evils she would redress and precipitate those she would avert. Mr. Pater, in his eloquent paper on the Bacchic myths, treats them as symbolising the natural agents, fire and dew, to which the grape owes its characteristic properties. Dr. Hüffer, in his clear and interesting sketch of Schopenhauer's life and philosophy, seems disposed to recede from the more extreme propositions of the latter. The "Medieval Spanish writer" criticised by Mr. M. A. Ward is Juan Ruiz, Archpriest of Hita, who flourished in the fourteenth century, whose poems, Mr. Ward says, are more

like the Canterbury Tales than any other production of mediæval literature. Mr. Chamberlain's narrative of his tour in Sweden and Lapland is divided between lively description and an account of the working of the Gothenburg licensing system, which Mr. Chamberlain is quite prepared to introduce into Birmingham. Most boroughs, we suspect, will recoil from so formidable an addition to local taxation, whatever the prospect of ultimate reimbursement.

Mr. Gladstone's favourable opinion of the prospects of the Hellenic race, as expressed in the *Contemporary Review*, is not only flattering, but probably sound in the main. Whether it is wise or patriotic to further complicate a great European difficulty by introducing a new element of discord just at this particular juncture is, indeed, a totally different question. Mr. Bosworth Smith, as counsel for the Koran, justly reminds us that, owing to the distinction of race, Mohammedanism has assumed a different complexion among the Turks to that which it wore in the regions of its origin. The essay also contains some valuable incidental observations in arrest of hasty judgment and indiscriminate condemnation even of Turks. Mr. Newton's paper on Greek inscriptions is one of singular interest, containing notices of all the more remarkable public documents of this description. Dr. Elam's slashing onslaught on the evolutionary theory is vitiated by his unfairness in ignoring the numerous remarkable instances of transition from one type to another recently brought to light in fossil discoveries in America and South Africa.

The *Melbourne Review*, a publication highly creditable to Australian literary talent, has the commencement of a sketch of Victorian political history, by Sir Charles Gavan Duffy; an amusing sketch of a recent visit to England, by an Australian astronomer; and an interesting account of the late lamented Chief Justice Hanson, by Miss Spence. We regret to see Miss Hearne espousing the ridiculous theory that Shakspeare's plays were not the work of Shakspeare.

The most noticeable contribution to a good average number of the *Atlantic Monthly* is an irresistible piece of drollery, by Mark Twain, respecting an amateur of echoes. In *Lippincott's Magazine* we have to note a valuable and beautifully illustrated account of the ceramic department at the Philadelphia Exhibition.

The *Month* continues its learned and interesting biography of Columbus, and evinces a creditable independence of ecclesiastical influence by supporting the Eastern Christians against the notorious inclination of the Roman Court, and by denouncing religious intolerance in Germany as heartily as if religious intolerance had not been prescribed by the Pope over and over again.

"The New Republic" is concluded in *Belgravia*. Some of the writer's hits and parodies are exceedingly smart, but the conclusion to which he seems to point, that the apostles of progressive ideas and liberal culture desire these for their own social caste, is as diametrically at variance with the sentiments of the majority among them as anything can be. Mr. Proctor has spoiled an excellent subject in astrology from carelessness and want of research. The *Gentleman's Magazine* and *Tinsley* are readable, but contain nothing of special mark. *London Society* commences a version of Michael Strogoff, from the French of Jules Verne, and concludes its very amusing adventures of Major Gubbins. Mr. Hutton also concludes his "True Story of Punch," which has always reminded us of the knife-grinder's story in the Anti-Jacobin.

We have also to acknowledge Good Words, Cassell's Magazine, the New Monthly, the Victoria Magazine, Golden Hours, and the Charing-cross Magazine. "Under the Mulberries," in the last-named periodical, is a story of considerable merit.

LIFE-BOAT SERVICES.

At a meeting of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, held on Thursday week, at its house, John-street, Adelphi, rewards amounting to £346 were granted to the crews of life-boats of the institution for services rendered in the boats during the past few weeks, in which period they had saved forty-six lives from distressed vessels. The Montrose, Ardrossan, Fraserburgh, Swanage, and Falmouth life-boats had also been out assisting distressed vessels during recent gales; while many other life-boats had gone afloat in reply to signals of distress, when their services were not eventually needed. Other rewards were granted to the crews of shore-boats for saving life from wrecks on our coasts, and payments amounting to £2415 were ordered to be made on different life-boat establishments. The committee ordered the sale of £2000 from the funded capital of the institution to meet the continued heavy expenses on its 256 life-boats, and appealed to the public for support.

Amongst different contributions recently received by the institution were the sum of £339 3s. 1d. from the "Worcester Cadets" Life-Boat Fund, through Captain J. H. Smith, of H.M.S. Worcester, in aid of the cost of a life-boat for the south coast of England; £50, "In Memoriam;" and £44s. from the matron, officers, and children of the Licensed Victuallers' School towards the support of the Licensed Victualler life-boat, stationed at Hunstanton.

The expression of the sincere condolence of the committee was to be conveyed to the families of the late Henry Willis, Esq., banker, who had been treasurer of the institution during the last twenty-four years, and of the late Admiral Davies, who became officially connected with the institution in 1851.

Reports were read from the three inspectors of life-boats to the institution on their recent visits to the coast.

A supplement to the *London Gazette* contains a Royal Proclamation commanding the peers of Scotland to assemble at Holyrood House on the 22nd inst., for the election of two representatives in the House of Lords, in succession to the late Marquis of Tweeddale and the Earl of Leven and Melville.

The *Sheffield Telegraph* states that the Reception Committee expended £8825 on the occasion of the Prince and Princess of Wales honouring that town with a three days' visit to open Fifth Park.—At a meeting of the Sheffield Town Council, on Wednesday morning, it was announced that the Duke of Norfolk had expressed his willingness to give three pieces of open ground as places of recreation. Each piece of ground is about ten acres in extent, and is in the neighbourhood of the most densely populated part of the town.

The Scmon Convalescents' Home at Ilkley, in Wharfedale, near Bradford, Yorkshire, is situated in the vicinity of the celebrated establishments known as Ben Rhydding and Ilkley Wells. It was built in 1874 by Mr. Charles Scmon, a Bradford merchant, and has recently been presented by him to the Corporation of the borough of Bradford (of which borough he was Mayor in 1865). It is intended to meet the wants of those who cannot afford to pay the expense of going to such places as Ben Rhydding or Ilkley, but who are not so destitute as to need free quarters in a public hospital. The gift was accompanied with the sum of £3000 to provide a fund towards working expenses. The home and surrounding grounds cover nearly six acres, and the total cost, including furniture and fittings, was £12,000.

NEW BOOKS.

One of the most versatile minds devoted to sporting literature was that of the late Major H. A. Leveson, formerly known as "The Old Shekarry," who died in the September of last year. His personal experiences and adventures, though, doubtless, somewhat over-rated, had really been of a singularly varied description; and he possessed a vast store of information, which it had been the study of a lifetime to collect, about the methods of travelling, "roughing it," and pursuing all kinds of great game, in every wild country throughout the world. His acquaintance with natural history, and also with Asiatic and African geography and ethnology, was accurate and complete within certain limits. But all his knowledge was displayed with that air of freshness, liveliness, and originality which no mere book-learned student could ever have attained. In fact, his sociable disposition, and his agreeable qualities as a companion, had always enabled him to draw largely upon the communicated experiences and observations of fellow-travellers and brother sportsmen. He possessed the gift of a sympathetic intelligence, entering so fully into the spirit of every such exploit or adventure, and realising so vividly the circumstances attending it, that it seemed to become part of himself. By the constant exercise of his rich faculty of vivid narrative, upon the basis of certain actual performances as a hunter, in India, in Asiatic Turkey, and on the West African Coast, where he held an official appointment, he made himself a most accomplished author of hunting stories. These were usually related in the first person, without which such tales are apt to lack human interest; and they seemed often to be intermingled, as was natural, with the author's own reminiscences of a very active career, as well as with anecdotes of what had been done by his friends, either while in his company or upon other occasions. Taking the mixture, then, as "The Old Shekarry" has compounded it, in his popular works, "The Hunting-Grounds of the Old World," "The Forest and the Field," and other books which have found acceptance, we consider that his literary success was amply justified by their high merit as examples of that kind of writing. Two volumes of posthumous publication now demand our notice, entitled *Sport in Many Lands*, and just issued by Messrs. Chapman and Hall, which are in all respects equal to the best of his earlier productions. They consist not only of lifelike sketches and brief stories of the chase, which are presented in the author's characteristic manner, but also of minute practical instructions, which should be of high authority, upon various points of equipment and procedure, for sportsmen in different regions, or intent upon diverse game; and they further contain a great deal of interesting zoology, descriptions of the species and varieties of animals, and of their local haunts and habits, which will gratify anybody who cares for the tenants of the Regent's Park Gardens. These particulars, ranging over a very wide extent of subjects in several quarters of the globe, are illustrated by the aid of more than 160 wood-engravings, some of which are finely executed, from designs both true to nature and of spirited conception. The elephants, the tigers and panthers, the wild boars, and some of the deer and antelope species, are portrayed with equal force and fidelity to the life; but in some of these instances, it would appear, the engravings have been borrowed from a foreign publication; in other cases, representing scenes of the chase, original sketches have been used. The author begins with deerstalking, as now practised in the Highlands of North Britain, but treats of it in a general way; he relates a grand battue of stags and roes in the Austrian Tyrol, which he was privileged to witness; and he passes on to chamois-hunting in the Bavarian mountains, and the chase of the ibex on the Italian Alps, of which he also had a satisfactory experience. Wildfowl-shooting in the estuary of the Somme is described in the next chapter. From these European objects of sport he abruptly turns to the "hog-hunting" of Central India, and tells us all about boar-spearing, which is also called "pig-sticking," and of which so many old Indians have told us before. The bears of India have a short chapter to themselves. "Tiger, panther, and leopard hunting" is the grand theme of the next chapter, which is followed by that upon "elephant-hunting in India;" and here we encounter some of the most animated stories of hairbreadth escapes, and exploits of courage and dexterity, not *per se* incredible or even improbable, yet which might owe their verification in reality to instances long since upon record, or traditional among Indian sportsmen. "Bison and buffalo hunting," still confined to India, makes a worthy continuation, and there are special dissertations upon the game of the Himalayas, of the Dehra Doon, and of Tibet, with an essay on the preservation of skins, horns, and other trophies of sport in India, and a chapter of accidental occurrences. The second volume transports us to the highlands of Asia Minor and the spurs of the Caucasus, a region actually visited by Major Leveson, where he had some dealings with the bears, the ibex, and the deer, and made acquaintance with diverse nations of mountaineers, as he did also in the Arabian peninsula of Sinai, to the enlargement of his personal acquaintance with all sorts of wild animal and human life. With regard, however, to a large part of the contents of this volume, it is no disparagement to suggest that, while correct as general descriptions, they do not bear the same character of immediate authenticity and originality which is allowed to some of his former narratives. He gives us, for example, a good account of the varieties of South African game "in the district between the Limpopo and the Zambesi rivers;" but when he speaks of "the various species I have fallen in with in this region" that is merely a literary *façon de parler*; as a matter of fact, the author is not known to have ever travelled in that region. The same remark will apply to much else of what is here related, in some instances avowedly borrowed from Gordon Cumming, Sir Samuel Baker, and other writers; in other cases adapted to a series of sketches called "Reminiscences of Southern Africa." In the North of Africa, where he fell in with Jules Gerard on a lion-hunting expedition, he was perhaps more at home; but it is impossible for any one man to go everywhere and get a shot at everything. As for the North American excursions, over the prairies to the Rocky Mountains, with the descriptions of buffalo-hunting, Red Indians of the Blackfoot tribe, and the scenery of the Gallatin river, and the mode of tracking moose and cariboo in Canada, it is only needful to say that this portion of the book is very well compiled. Upon the whole, "Sport in Many Lands" is a work of considerable merit, both for entertainment and instruction, written in a pleasant, animated, but unaffected style, and showing great practical and experimental, as well as studied, knowledge of a very wide subject. Few sporting writers have had a larger acquaintance, however gained, with the diversified conditions and opportunities of their manly pastime, or have displayed a greater degree of tact and literary skill in making it presentable to their readers. It was always tolerably well understood between this author and those who could appreciate his capital stories, whether in familiar talk or in print, that they might be frankly enjoyed as characteristic samples of that kind of thing, and vehicles of curious information, without requiring an affidavit of each particular circumstance. The biographical memoir of Major Leveson, prefixed to these volumes, does him no more than justice as a really

clever, enterprising, pleasing, and accomplished man, whose death is sincerely regretted by his numerous friends. It may, perhaps, be worth while to remind those who did not personally know him, that his military rank, continued by courtesy, was that of a local and temporary command he held in the Turkish army during the Crimean War. He never held a commission in the British Army. But he saw a good deal of active warfare, fought as a volunteer with the 63rd Regiment at Inkerman, where he was wounded, and was repeatedly employed by Lord Stratford de Redcliffe in military surveying and inspecting. He was one of the first Englishmen to join Garibaldi in Sicily, and took part in the hard-fought battle of Melazzo. While holding the office of Colonial Secretary at Lagos, in 1863, he drilled a band of Houssas and led them to a conflict with hostile natives, in which he again received a bullet-wound, never properly cured. Though he could not, upon such grounds as these, claim much professional authority as a soldier, he had diligently studied the question of army organisation, and wrote an able treatise upon it. We cannot take leave of his memory upon this occasion without testifying that he had more substantial merits and good qualities than those of a mere sportsman and amusing reciter of sporting tales.

ILLUSTRATED CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

We passed in review, last week, a numerous collection of the story-books and picture-books, the decorative books for a drawing-room table, with luxurious bindings, and with contents gratifying to the taste for artistic elegance; the popular works of history or descriptive geography, illustrated with many engravings; the didactic tales of family life, very wholesome for girls; the stirring romances of seafaring, hunting, and fighting adventure, especially delightful to boys; the handbooks of juvenile sports and pastimes; and the unfailing reprints or new versions of the quaint nursery rhymes, and of those wondrous fables, wherewith the infancy of the last generation was amused. Plenty more of these kinds will yet be forthcoming from the manifold industry of London and Edinburgh publishers, which must again claim our notice before Christmas and New-Year's Day summon the purchasers of gift-books to make their choice. A few of them only can here be noticed, for our space is limited; and these are such as but require the briefest mention.

Messrs. Seeley, Jackson, and Halliday present us with a delightful book of zoological gossip and familiar anecdote, concerning all the different species of the feline genus. It is called *The Clan of the Cats*, including the domestic, or "harmless necessary cat," the Angora and Egyptian varieties, the wild cat, the lynx, leopard, and panther, the jaguar, the ounce and ocelot, the tiger, the puma, and the lion. Their ways and doings are pleasantly described, and are shown in plenty of woodcuts. But if the cat will mew, the dog will have his day. *Only a Dog* is a touching story of the dog which was Kit's friend, while Kit was only a boy. For a girl reader, more especially, there is a tale by Agnes Giberne, *The Battle-field of Life* which has a wholesome moral tendency.

The annuals and the bound yearly volumes of monthly or weekly magazines, being freely adorned with illustrations, may here be noticed. *Every Boy's Annual*, published by Messrs. G. Routledge and Co., has several good stories, by M. Jules Verne, Mr. Kingston, Lieutenant Low, and Mr. T. Archer. *Peter Parley's Annual* (Ben George, publisher) has reached its thirty-sixth year, and seems to have kept its character for interesting narrative. The periodicals more especially intended for young people in families of the humbler class make a very attractive show, with their decorated green or red bindings. Such are the *Family Friend* (S. W. Partridge and Co.), the *Friendly Visitor* (Seeley and Co.), and their *Children's Friend*; the *Child's Companion* of the Religious Tract Society; and the *Infant's Magazine* (Seeley), every one of which displays a pretty coloured and enamelled picture on its attractive cover. *Aunt Louisa's Sunday Keepsake* (F. Warne and Co.) is printed in large letters, and has many engraved pictures; it tells Bible stories, and other stories of religion, in a simple and agreeable style. For children of a still more tender age, there is *Aunt Louisa's Choice Present*, from the same publisher, which is really good, being filled with coloured pictures, after Herring and Landseer, of famous horses and dogs, with a brief description of each animal. The *Toy-Book of Birds and Beasts* (Religious Tract Society) contains likewise a series of coloured engravings of animals, extending to the deer, the fox, the goat, the reindeer, the beaver, and the giraffe, and different kinds of birds. A smaller book, upon the same plan, is the *Pictures and Scenes of Natural History* (T. Nelson and Sons); another is the *Natural History Album* (F. Warne and Co.), but the coloured pictures in these are not to be compared with those of "Aunt Louisa's Present." *Little Maybud's Picture-Book*, and *Little Blossom's Picture-Book* (Routledge) have not got their pictures coloured, but the engravings, as well as the reading part, will be found very amusing. So will *The Baby's Opera*, if a kind mother, sister, or nursery governess will sing the familiar old rhymes to the music here set down with pianoforte accompaniment, and show Baby the funny bright pictures, designed by Mr. Walter Crane, and printed in colours by Mr. Edmund Evans.

The yearly volumes of those excellent periodicals, the *Leisure Hour* and the *Sunday at Home*, are in themselves a small library of comfortable, interesting, and most instructive literature. Equal praise is due to *Good Words*, which, indeed, contains, as usual, attractive stories and other articles of high literary merit. Its junior offset, *Good Things for Boys and Girls* (Strahan and Co.), abounds with stirring incidents of romantic fiction, and is copiously illustrated with bold engravings. *The Peepshow*, a volume issued by the same publisher, is for still younger readers.

Oxford has followed Cambridge in declining the challenges of Cornell and Yale Universities for a four-oared race next August on the Thames.

The "Knolly estate," in Wiltshire, of upwards of 4000 acres, the property of Mr. Alfred Seymour, has been bought by the Hon. Percy S. Wyndham, M.P. for West Cumberland, for £128,000, exclusive of timber.

Governor Hennessy has returned to England on his promotion to the governorship of Hong-Kong. Congratulatory addresses were presented to Governor Hennessy from various parts of Barbadoes on his departure. One of those addresses was signed by over 5000 inhabitants, and presented by a deputation headed by Mr. George Whitfield, a leading merchant of Barbadoes. It expressed deep sorrow at losing a Governor so just, so benevolent, and so enlightened, and pleasure at his Excellency's promotion to a higher and more important government; and assured him that wherever he went he would carry with him the respect, gratitude, and affection of the people of Barbadoes. Over 20,000 persons assembled to witness the Governor's departure.

THE SNAKE-HOUSE AT WHYDAH.

Whydah, on the West African Coast, is the port of Dahomey, a negro kingdom second only to that of Ashantee, which adjoins it on the west side. That curiously interesting book, "Dahomey As It Is," by Mr. J. A. Skertchly, published two years ago, is the best account yet given of King Gelele, his city of Abomey, his court and government, with its atrocious "customs" and the wholesale human sacrifices. Mr. Skertchly is an accomplished naturalist and experienced traveller both in Africa and South America. He was on that coast in July, 1871, intending to visit some districts of the interior for the collection of specimens belonging to his favourite science. The local Governor or Caboccer of Whydah, in the name of the King of Dahomey, gave him a pressing invitation to go up to Abomey, which is about sixty miles from the port, with a promise that he should be allowed to return in eight days. Mr. Skertchly went up to the capital, where he was received with the most courteous hospitality, and admitted to the King's personal favour, but he was not permitted to depart for eight months. We can hardly regret the inconvenience to which he was subjected, as it gave him a better opportunity than any other English or European traveller has ever had of becoming intimately acquainted with the manners and social life of Dahomey. Those manners and "customs" are, in some respects, hideous and disgusting beyond the worst examples of heathen barbarism among other savage nations; but their contemplation is not the less instructive to the student of human history. Mr. Skertchly's volume is illustrated with coloured lithographs and wood engravings. He has furnished us, moreover, with some of his original sketches. One of them, representing the Snake-House, or "Danhgbweho," at Whydah, we have engraved for this week's publication. It is explained by him as follows:—

"Just in the same manner as the lion, the bear, and the eagle, are the emblems of England, Russia, and France, so is the snake the typical representative of Whydah; besides being the tutelary deity and palladium of that district. During the latter part of the seventeenth century, when Whydah was a distinct kingdom, it was invaded by Agajah, the King of Dahomey, who wished to possess a seaboard of his own. The Whydahs, placing implicit confidence in the efficacy of their deities, contented themselves with erecting a large snake temple on the Abomey road instead of advancing to meet their powerful enemy. Their gods, however, proved faithless to their trust, for, under cover of the darkness, the Dahomans one night crossed the swamp which formed the northern boundary of the kingdom of Whydah, and, falling upon the too-confident natives, utterly routed them. Since that time Whydah has belonged to Dahomey, and as it is the policy of that Government to adopt the gods of conquered people into its own Pantheon, the snake, or Rainbow as it is also called, became a Fion deity, and now ranks first in the manifold grades of the fetish divinities of that people.

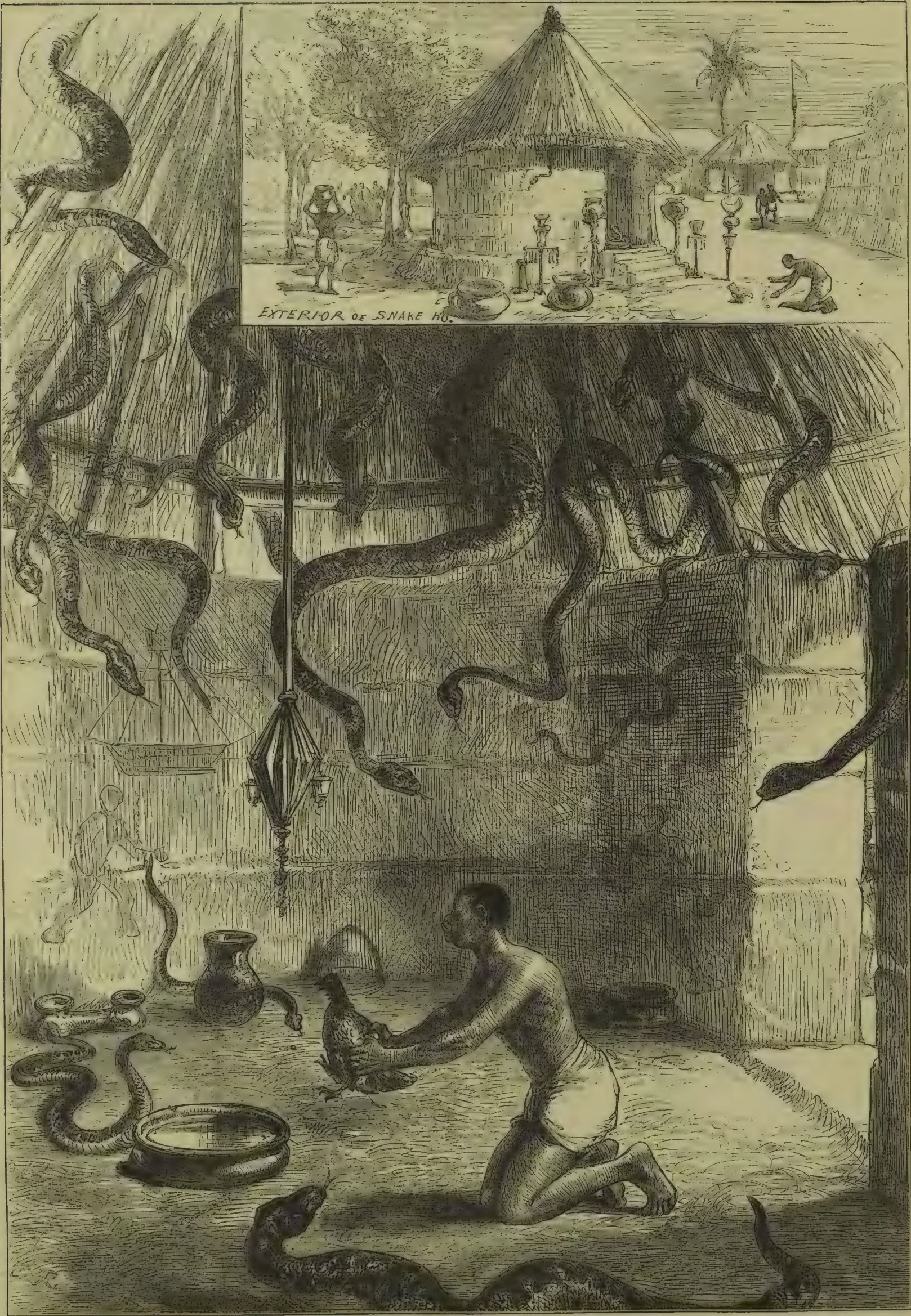
"My sketch represents the exterior and interior of the Danhgbweho or snake house of Whydah—the most celebrated fetish temple in that part of Western Africa. This temple, which stands in the market place of Whydah, near the Viceroy's palace, the wall of which is shown to the left, is simply a circular building, some thirty or forty feet in diameter, built of red mud, or "swish," and covered with a conical roof of thatch, surmounted by a wooden image. A few swish steps lead up to the doorway, which is always open, there being no door. The interior consists of the bare walls and floor, whitewashed, with rude studies of men, ships, snakes, birds, &c., on the walls. A few "nesu pots," or sacred vessels, lie on the floor—notably, the twin-porringer, which is sacred to the Danh, or snake; and from the roof hangs by a thick cord a peculiar affair made of wood, covered with blue and white cotton yarn, shaped like two cones connected at their bases, and profusely covered with blood-stained cowries.

"Twining round the bamboo rafters which support the roof, curled up on the wall-plates, or crawling on the floor, are the sacred snakes, the Danh, or Rainbow deities. These are a species of python (*P. variegatus*), a creature native to West Africa, and especially abundant to the north of Abomey. The python is of a dull lemon yellow, marked in a most beautiful manner with dingy purple and brown; its size extends in full-grown individuals to a length of upwards of thirty feet, with a thickness equal to that of a man's thigh. In their natural state they live upon antelopes and small game; but the sacred snakes are fed on a diet of fowls, maize, goats'-flesh, &c. They are so tame that the temple may be entered without the slightest danger, and they not unfrequently wander about the town, especially at night. When a snake is out upon one of these excursions, all the natives fly from it, because, should it cross the path of any Whydah, he will be mulcted in a heavy fine by the priests. News of the excursion of a Danh is soon brought to the priests, who speedily recover their wandering deity. The snake has especial care over the welfare of the Whydahs, and when anyone is about to engage on any important business, he generally secures the welfare of the undertaking by sacrificing to the Danh.

"The illustration represents a Whydah negro sacrificing a fowl. The votary usually takes two or more fowls to the priest, together with some rum, maize, and palm-oil. The priest, with the greatest solemnity, receives the offering, appropriates the greater portion to himself, and then accompanies the devotee to the temple. There a very little of the rum and palm-oil is poured into the vessels at the door of the temple, the greater part of the spirits finding its way, sooner or later, into the stomach of the fetishist. Then a fowl is taken into the temple by the worshipper, where it is immediately seized and devoured by the sacred reptiles. Completely assured of success, the infatuated man then starts upon his business, feeling certain of ultimate prosperity.

"The Danhgbweho are found all over the country, but that at Whydah is by far the most celebrated. The priests and priestesses (for they are of both sexes), called "Danhin-no," or "snake mothers," are a very numerous and powerful body. Their dress consists of a white tunic, plentifully bedaubed with blood, and a white fez-like head-dress, with long ends hanging behind. Any injury done to a snake is visited by a heavy fine, imprisonment, or even death. In the latter case, the victim is generally placed in a huge cage with the offended deity, and grass or stubble being heaped around, it is set on fire. When the poor wretch can endure the heat no longer, he rushes out to run the gauntlet between two rows of assembled priests and their myrmidons, assisted by a crowd of lay helpers, armed with clubs and sticks; and the result is that, ere he has run more than a few yards, he falls, and is literally beaten to death."

The Duke of Marlborough, the newly-appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, arrived at Kingstown on Tuesday morning, in the Royal mail-steamer *Connaught*, and immediately left for Dublin, in order to be sworn in. He was accompanied by his son, Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P. His Grace left Kingston Harbour on Wednesday evening by the mail-steamer for Holyhead, on his way to London. The Duke is expected to return to Ireland in state next January.



A SNAKE-HOUSE AT WHYDAH, DAHOMEY, WEST COAST OF AFRICA.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE DAWSON.

Mr. George Dawson, M.A., the well-known lecturer and preacher, died suddenly at Birmingham, about a fortnight ago. Mr. Dawson was born in London, on Feb. 24, 1821, and studied at Glasgow, where he took the M.A. degree. Joining the Baptist ministry, his first charge was at Rickmansworth, which he left, in 1844, for Mount Zion Chapel, Birmingham, where he officiated for three or four years, until he seceded from the Baptist body and renounced all doctrinal or sectarian views in favour of the broad principles of Christianity. An intelligent and influential congregation soon gathered round him, and built for him a roomy and substantial edifice, known as the Church of the Saviour, where his Sunday ministrations were continued with but little interruption from 1847 down to the time of his death. In all the political movements of Birmingham during the last thirty years, he took a prominent and active part, on the Radical side, and proved himself a ready and eloquent speaker. It is as a lecturer, however, on literary and social subjects that Mr. Dawson was best known; and two years ago he made a successful lecturing tour in the United States. Since 1870, when the Birmingham School Board was formed, Mr. Dawson has been a member of that body, and was one of the original founders of the National Education League. He was a warm advocate of unsectarian education. One of the earliest daily provincial papers, the old *Birmingham Daily Press*, was started under his auspices in 1855; and he was the chief editor of the *Birmingham Morning News* during the first two or three years of its existence. His funeral was attended by a large assemblage. At a meeting, last week, in the Townhall, on the Eastern Question, a resolution was adopted expressing its deep sense of the loss which Birmingham has sustained by the death of Mr. George Dawson, and recording "the great and increasing services rendered by him during his public life of thirty



THE LATE SIR ELKANAH ARMITAGE.

the ballot, and opposed to all religious disqualification. He voted for Lord Derby's Reform Bill in March 1859, and against Lord Russell's similar bill in 1866, although he advocated an extension of the franchise. He accepted office under Lord Melbourne's Administration as a Junior Lord of the Treasury in June, 1840, but retired at the break-up of the Administration in September, 1841. In February, 1855, he accepted the office of Chief Secretary of Ireland, which post he filled till June, 1857, when he resigned. Since then he has been an independent member of the Liberal party. During the latter part of the last Session his health prevented him taking a very active share in politics.

The portrait is from a photograph by the London Stereoscopic Company.

THE LATE MR. CANDLISH, M.P.

The townsfolk of Sunderland have erected a statue of Mr. John Candlish, their late esteemed representative in Parliament, in the Extension Park. This monument is shown in our Illustration. Beginning in 1828, as a poor friendless errand-boy in that town, John Candlish raised himself to a high social position, acquired wealth and influence, and used both in every way to benefit his neighbours. In 1849 he became an active and useful member of the Town Council, and in 1858 was elected Mayor, and he served that office again in a second year. He sat eight years in the House of Commons. His munificent gifts to the town—a free library of many thousands of books, and large donations to the Infirmary and the Girls' Reformatory Schools—are not forgotten; but more could be said of his personal efforts in every good work, of sanitary improvement, of social charity, and of popular education; his courageous devotedness



STATUE OF THE LATE MR. CANDLISH, M.P., AT SUNDERLAND.

upon the occasion of the cholera raging in Sunderland is particularly remembered. He died in the spring of 1874. The statue is of bronze, 8 ft. 6 in. high, an excellent likeness and a good work of sculpture, which does much credit to the artist, Mr. C. Bacon. It was cast at Mr. Young's foundry, in Pimlico. It stands on a pedestal of light Shap granite, 7 ft. in height. The pedestal bears a gilt inscription—simply, "John Candlish, M.P.; born 1815, died 1874."

CANADA—PAST AND PRESENT.

A meeting of the members of the Royal Colonial Institute was held, on Monday, at the Pall-mall Restaurant, Waterloo-place, under the presidency of the Duke of Manchester.

The Rev. Dr. D. Fraser read a paper on Canada as I Remember It, and As It Is. He said that when he first knew Canada, thirty-four years ago, it was a country little advanced and sparsely populated, the means of locomotion being difficult and uncomfortable. Since that time the population had grown rapidly, and the facilities for getting from place to place wonderfully improved. The country, thanks to British capital, is now well supplied with railways, which are kept open even in the depth of winter; while a magnificent chain of canals aid greatly the transport of goods and produce. With the development of the means of transport and the increase of the population, commerce had flourished and grown to considerable dimensions. As to emigration in its present aspect, there is room within limits for agricultural labourers and skilled mechanics; and for settlers who have a little money to support their families till their first crop is gathered, and who are willing to work, there is ample room. The days of indiscriminate emigration are, however, probably ended, but for selected emigration there is an unfailing demand. The resources of Canada for maintaining a population are



THE LATE RIGHT HON. F. HORSMAN, M.P.

years to the cause of freedom, and especially the maintenance of Liberal principles in Birmingham."

We have engraved the portrait from a photograph by Mr. R. W. Thrupp, of Birmingham.

THE LATE SIR ELKANAH ARMITAGE.

Sir Elkanah Armitage died some days since at Hope Hall, near Manchester, in his eighty-third year. He was originally a hand-loom weaver, but he created and became the head of one of the largest and most prosperous cotton-spinning manufacturing firms in the world. He was knighted in 1848, when Mayor of Manchester, for the conciliatory yet firm manner in which he suppressed the Chartist rising in that city. He represented Salford in Parliament for a short time, and was High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1866. He unsuccessfully contested Salford when Mr. W. N. Massey was first returned to Parliament for that borough. He was a munificent supporter of Congregationalism and of all works of charity. He was chairman of the trustees of the Manchester Grammar School, and of the Manchester Waterworks Committee when it constructed the great Woodhead reservoirs.

The photograph we have copied is one by Mr. Silas Eastham, of Southport.

THE LATE MR. HORSMAN.

The death of the Right Hon. Edward Horsman, M.P., was mentioned in our last Obituary. He was a son of Mr. William Horsman, by Jane, third daughter of Sir John Dalrymple, fourth Baronet, and sister of the ninth Earl of Stair. He was born in 1807, and was educated at Rugby. He married, in 1841, Charlotte Louisa, only daughter of the late Mr. John Charles Ramsden, many years M.P. for Malton, and sister to Sir John W. Ramsden, Bart., of Byram. He was formerly an advocate at the Scotch Bar, and was a Commissioner of Church Inquiry in Scotland. He first entered the House of Commons, as member for Cockermouth, in February, 1836, for which borough he had been an unsuccessful candidate the previous year. He represented that borough till July, 1852, when he was defeated by General Wyndham and Mr. H. A. Aglionby. In June, 1853, a vacancy having arisen in the representation of Stroud by Lord Moreton having succeeded to the Peerage, on the death of his father, second Earl of Ducie, he was returned by that constituency without opposition. He sat for Stroud till December, 1868, when he came forward for Liskeard, which borough he has latterly represented. Mr. Horsman was a Liberal in politics, in favour of Church reform and

to be found in its enormous territory that still awaits the axe and the plough. The climate is not to be feared; it has just that amount of severity which draws out the energies of men, and gives to a Northern race a vigour that no Southern people can overcome. For the future Canada is well grown and well governed, enjoys inward tranquillity, and, last but not least, stands in high credit in the money markets of London and New York. It is a matter of congratulation that the Dominion, with all its self-reliance, shows no symptoms of alienation from the mother country. But it is well to remember that a piece of mismanagement at the Colonial Office, or a continued indifference in English society to the progress and wishes of Canada, may easily hurt and alienate the feelings of a high-spirited people. Most useful, therefore, is the action of an institute like that which gave prominence to colonial life and enterprise, and helps the colonists to feel that they are not unrecognized or unfriended; that their country is not forgotten or ignored among the many causes and interests that are represented and fostered in this great centre of the mighty British empire.

A short discussion followed.

This year's exhibition of the Smithfield Cattle Club, which closed yesterday week, appears to have been the most successful in the annals of the institution, whether as regards the number and quality of the animals exhibited or the attendance of visitors. Last year 102,741 persons passed through the turnstiles; this year the number exceeded 130,000.—The Metropolitan Christmas Cattle Market was held on Monday. A prominent feature was the evenness of the selections, comprising many superior animals of the various breeds, of great uniformity in size and condition. The Scotch breeds took the lead in numerical strength, the entries being close upon 2000. The total number of beasts on sale was 7020, and of sheep 16,800.—The annual show of the Suffolk Fat Cattle Club, at Ipswich, began on Monday, with fine weather and a large company. Mr. Colman, M.P., won numerous prizes for both cattle and sheep, and Lord Rendlesham, M.P., was successful with pigs. The root show was remarkably good.—The tenth annual show of fat cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, and roots in connection with the Edinburgh Christmas Club was held, last week, in the New Vegetable Market, near Princes-street. The market has just been covered with glass, and forms a splendid exhibition hall, about 390 ft. in length, 170 ft. in breadth, and 28 ft. in height. The show was opened by the Lord Provost.

LAW AND POLICE.

Judgment was delivered in the Court of Appeal, yesterday week, in the case of the Franconia, the Court holding the Franconia solely to blame for the collision, the Strathclyde having broken no rule either before the collision threatened or at the moment it became inevitable, whilst almost every rule had been broken by the Franconia. The appeal, was dismissed with costs.

A suit is in progress before Vice-Chancellor Malins in which Mrs. Rae seeks to recover a part of the estate of an uncle, named Vivers, who was a wealthy sheep merchant in Australia, and who died intestate. The defendant is another uncle, against whom, the plaintiff alleges, he forged a partnership deed and a will.

Vice-Chancellor Hall has dismissed a suit instituted by the authorities of Queen's College, Oxford, to restrain the Inclosure Commissioners from putting their seal to a scheme for the regulation and management of Bostall-heath, Plumstead.

Mr. Coe was, on Wednesday, awarded £1035, on the ground that he had been wrongfully dismissed from the situation of stage manager of the Haymarket Theatre by Messrs. Sothorn and Buckstone, who had charged him with improperly dividing commission with an agent on the engagement of actors and actresses.

In Dublin, on Monday, Judge Warren annulled a marriage, on the ground of false publication of banns, between a clergyman's son, named Miles, and a lady named Courtenay. Her Christian name and residence were misdescribed by him for a clandestine object.

Dr. Sheedy, now in gaol for defrauding the New York Insurance Company, brought an action in Dublin, on Monday, against his attorney, alleging negligence in his defence, in consequence of which he was convicted; but the suit failed, the jury finding that there was no negligence. This was in connection with the recent Limerick insurance frauds.

At the Central Criminal Court, on Monday, the grand jury ignored the bills against the young men who were committed for trial upon the charge of making a riot at Covent Garden Theatre on the last night of the Promenade Concerts. James Samuel Fielding, aged nineteen, pleaded guilty to embezzling £200, the property of his employers, Messrs. Bowerbank and Co., distillers, of Sun-street, Bishopsgate. The prisoner had been only a few months in the service of the prosecutors, and it was believed that he had taken the money to enable him to attend music-halls and similar places of amusement. He was sentenced to five years' penal servitude. A like sentence was passed on Demetrius Mavrocordato, aged sixteen, a Post-office clerk, who was convicted of stealing a packet containing a stocking and other articles. At his lodgings several articles were found which had evidently been abstracted from letters. On Tuesday, Alexander Ralph and Emile de Comte were sentenced each to five years' penal servitude for swindling; and, for obtaining money by false pretences from the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society, John Walker was sentenced to five years' penal servitude. Thomas Park, a discharged soldier, pleaded guilty to a charge of setting fire to a stack of corn. The prisoner was tried last Sessions for a similar offence, and the jury, after a good deal of deliberation, acquitted him. He immediately returned to Colchester and committed the offence to which he now pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to five years' penal servitude. William Seamen was sentenced to fourteen years' penal servitude and five years' police supervision for a burglary in Charlotte-street, Whitechapel. At Wednesday's sitting John Robert Gronell, who had been convicted the previous day of publishing a libel on Mr. John Baum, the proprietor of Cremorne Gardens, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment. The trial of Isaac Marks for the murder of Frederick Barnard was concluded on Thursday, the jury bringing in a verdict of guilty, and sentence of death was passed upon the prisoner.

The Lord Mayor has committed for trial an accountant named Dudgeon on a charge of having forged a bill of sale for £50.

Edwin Murray was brought up on remand, last Saturday, at the Marlborough-street Police Court, charged with conspiring with others not in custody to defraud the Countess de Goncourt of £10,000 through certain pretended turf transactions. The Countess de Goncourt made a further statement as to the circumstances under which she was induced to part with her money; and, after some other evidence, the case was adjourned for a week.

Henry Johnson, who refused to give any information as to his address or occupation, has been committed for trial by the Clerkenwell police magistrate, on a charge of having attempted to break into the Agricultural Hall.

William Lawrence, who has several times been before the magistrate at the Thames Police Court, on a charge of obtaining money under pretence of exhibiting spirit manifestations, was yesterday week again brought up, and, some further evidence having been given, Mr. de Rutzen said that, in his opinion, the defendant had rendered himself liable under the law relating to false pretences, and he should commit him for trial. Meanwhile, he admitted the defendant to bail.

Mr. Justice Meller, in charging the Swansea grand jury, on Monday, referred to the experiment of gaol delivery in pursuance of the Winter Assize Act, and pronounced the new plan a decided success, as it would effectually put an end to the undue detention of prisoners awaiting trial.

For defrauding the Globe and Royal Insurance Companies by means of forgery and conspiracy, two shoemakers of Northampton, James Sears and Joseph Bayes, have been, at the Warwick Assizes, sentenced to, respectively, five years' penal servitude and nine months' imprisonment.

At the Liverpool Assizes, on Monday, Agnes Martha Morris, forty-three years of age, was charged with the murder of her two children on Sept. 26. The prisoner shot the two children in bed, and attempted to kill a third. It appeared that, ever since the death of her husband, she was afraid her offspring would be starved, though she was in the possession of an income of £300 a year. The jury acquitted the prisoner on the ground of insanity, and she was ordered to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure. William Kelly, a sailor, twenty-one years of age, was on Tuesday indicted for the murder of a young Spanish seaman, in October last, by stabbing him, in Cleveland-square, Liverpool. It was shown that the prisoner had been more or less idiotic since his infancy, and he was acquitted on that account, but ordered to be confined during her Majesty's pleasure.

An inspector and a sergeant of police were murdered, on Monday night, by poachers, on the Chilton Lodge Estate, near Hungerford. Three brothers named Tidbury, and a man named Day have been arrested on suspicion of having been concerned in the commission of the crime. They were brought before the magistrates, on Tuesday, and formally remanded.

Charles O'Donnel, a discharged soldier, who at the November Old Bailey Session was convicted of the murder of his wife, was hanged, last Monday morning, within the walls of Newgate; and Robert Browning, who had been sentenced to death for the wilful murder of Emma Rolfe, a girl of sixteen, at Cambridge, in August last, was hanged on Thursday morning at the Cambridge borough gaol. He made a full confession of his guilt.

WEATHER LORE.

Mr. Robert H. Scott, M.A., F.R.S., director of the Meteorological Office, lectured, last Monday, before a large and appreciative audience at the London Institution, on Weather Knowledge.

He said that, having on a former occasion spoken chiefly of such knowledge of the weather as may be gained from the use of the telegraph, he would that evening devote most of his time to considering the means available to everyone of making meteorological forecasts without the use of instruments. Fishermen, gamekeepers, shepherds, and the like can often, from local signs, guess the weather for their own neighbourhood a day or two ahead. Nay, for a particular district they can do this in many cases better than the scientist with all his apparatus.

Savages are wonderful weather-prophets, in like manner, within a certain range. The lecturer cited a letter to himself from the late Commodore Goodenough, saying that when on board the Pearl in the Pacific he fell in with some fugitive slaves from Samoa, who, without instruments of any kind, had navigated a canoe 1180 miles by sheer dint of what the Commodore called such a knowledge of weather signs as must have been tantamount to a sixth sense.

They all knew the proverb that pigs can see the wind, and their carrying about straw against bad weather had often been spoken of as a valuable prognostic. Birds of passage, also, seeking refuge from colder regions in warmer ones, afforded useful indications of the character of the coming season. This was particularly so with such birds as wild swans and other waterfowl. By coming south they will tell us of the sharp winters brewing for us in Russia and Lapland. The great difficulty in dealing with these prognostics, and with popular weather-wisdom in general, arises from their being so peculiarly local. One who knows well the signs in one district will be quite at a loss in another.

The non-instrumental signs might be divided into those taken from the clouds, from the landscape, and from optical phenomena. Mr. Scott said he purposely omitted those drawn from animals and plants as not being so readily explicable on physical principles.

The clouds were the most valuable signs; for, not only did their motions show us which way the wind was blowing above our heads while we were sheltered by hills or buildings, but their changes also in form and size told us of operations going on in the upper strata of the atmosphere of which we could gain no knowledge in any other way. He was not now speaking of such phenomena as the small cloud "like a man's hand," which in the Mediterranean portended violent thunderstorms, but of more general indications. It was well to be warned that the regular absorption of clouds at certain times of the day was no sign of permanent change of weather. They all knew that the mornings of some of the hottest days in summer were often very foggy; and, conversely, after a wet day we had not uncommonly a clear night, succeeded by a return of clouds and rain next morning. The lecturer entered at length into the rationale of these and other phenomena of which he spoke. The "cirrus," however, or mare's-tail clouds were most important signs of bad weather, although they were not infallible prognostics of a storm in the place where they are seen. Mr. Scott had noticed in the Tyrol that, in summer, cirrus often preceded thunderstorms—the fact being that it showed the presence of wind aloft; but the friction caused by the moun-

tains prevented the current, which broke up the clouds into cirrus, from attaining the force of a gale below, whilst, nevertheless, it had power enough to cause collisions in the strata above and to produce electrical discharges. The filmy network gradually becomes denser and denser, turning into what is called the "cirro-stratus" cloud—a form with which we sometimes see halos round the sun and moon invested—and finally into the "nimbus," or rain-cloud. We all knew that small fragments of cloud scudding below wide-spread cloud-sheets or heavy woolpacks are unfailing signs of storm, while the woolpack cloud itself was a sure indication of great cold in the region above it. This was most characteristically shown in the showery, sleety weather of March, with north-west winds. He might here remark on a very peculiar appearance of cumulus, with its rugged surface below instead of above. This is known as the "pocky" cloud, and is recognised in the Orkneys as the sure precursor of a heavy gale, a relation easily intelligible on the idea that the rounded form of the woolpack is due to the introduction of a mass of condensed vapour into a very cold atmosphere, and that in the case of the pocky cloud there is a moist layer above seeking to force an entrance into a much colder stratum below. Once this entrance gained, sudden condensation follows, and that disturbance gives rise to a gale.

The weather signs taken from the landscape were next enumerated and discussed, such as its being hazy or clear, and the appearance of a cap of cloud on a hill top, the value of which latter prognostic was proved to vary with circumstances. A cap on a hill was not a sure sign of rain, but the true rule is that caps on low hills are a bad sign, while caps on higher mountains are not so. The observations of Professor Piazzi Smyth on Teneriffe, and of others on Chimborazo, &c., were cited in proof of this rectification of the old saw.

Optical signs of the weather, to which the lecturer now passed, mostly concerned the condition or amount of aqueous vapour in the air. The colour of the sky, one of the most trustworthy prognostics, was regulated entirely by the state of condensation of the suspended watery vapour. The successive layers of air charged with vapour stop the different rays of light; firstly the blue, then the yellow, and lastly the red. When the sun is near the horizon the rays have to traverse a great thickness of vapour, and so the last rays at sunset and the first at sunrise are red. The truth of the old rhyme, "Evening red and morning grey," &c., may be thus explained. The disappearance of clouds at sunset is a sign of fine weather, for it is due to the sinking of the clouds into the warmer strata near the surface of the earth, where they are evaporated. These clouds in disappearing leave behind them a large amount of vapour in the air, and the sun's rays shine red through this medium. In the morning the air is comparatively dry after the cold of the night, and the blue and yellow rays are not stopped in their transit, so that the clouds look grey from a diffused light. Conversely, a grey sky in the evening is caused by the presence of such a mass of clouds as to stop the sun's direct rays, and to allow nothing but diffused light to pass; while in the morning the red and lowering tints of the clouds show that the air is full of watery vapour, close to its point of condensation.

The value of the rainbow, coronas and halos round sun and moon, the aurora, &c., was next spoken of and accounted for, and, the subject of local weather signs having been fully treated, the lecturer concluded with some interesting remarks on the importance of such homely weather wisdom to the observers employed by those engaged in forecasting the weather by means of telegraphic reports.

Thereappointment of the Scottish Education Board for another term of five years is announced.

A further portion of the general digest of endowed charities, issued on Thursday, shows that Flintshire has a total gross income from these endowments of £1535 per annum, of which £598 is devoted to educational purposes.

The Emperor and Empress of Brazil went to the theatre at Cairo yesterday week. On Saturday last their Majesties went on a visit to the Pyramids and the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. The Khedive has paid a visit to their Majesties. Their Majesties have started on board a steamer, placed at their disposal by the Khedive, to ascend the Nile as far as Assouan, the site of the first cataract.

Dr. Frankland reports, as the result of his analysis of the waters supplied to the metropolis during November, that the Thames waters were of a superior quality to those furnished in the preceding month. The quality of the Lea water distributed by the East London Company was equal to that of the better samples of Thames waters, and that of the New River Company, from the same source, was fully equal as regards chemical purity to the Kent Company's deep well water.

Sir Thos. Acland, M.P., presided last Saturday evening, at Exeter, at a meeting on the question of friendly societies. He urged on the members of those organisations the necessity of their taking a more active personal interest in their affairs, by way of qualifying themselves for other duties. He thought charities should be administered by the public bodies of each locality, and not be regarded merely as a means of saving rates or the pockets of the rich.

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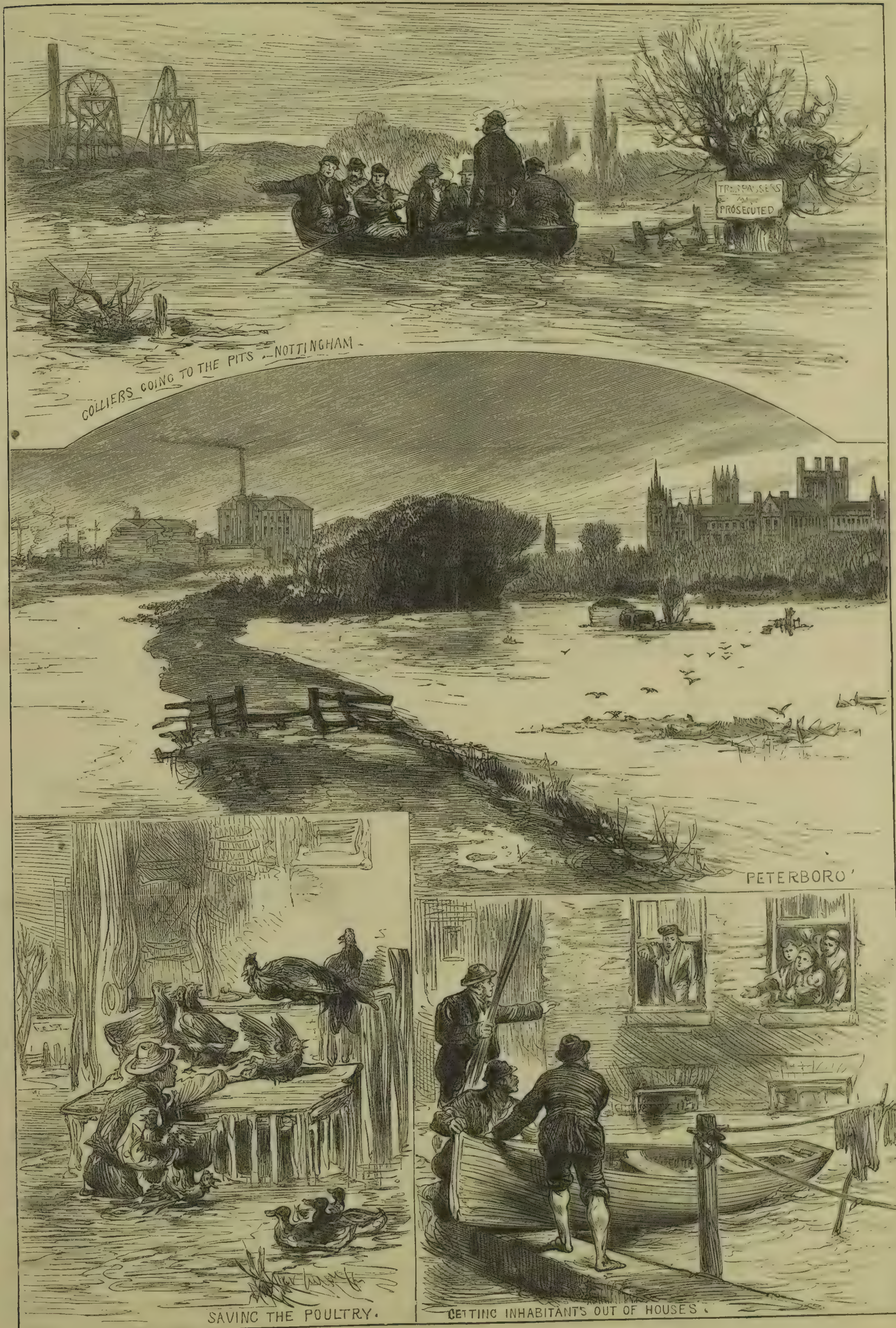
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THE LATE FLOODS.

The continuous heavy rains in the early part of last week caused extensive inundations in the midland and east midland shires. The Thames, the Severn, the Trent, and other rivers flowing through lowland districts, such as the Nene and the Ouse, and the Witham below Lincoln, were greatly swollen, and flooded large tracts of adjacent country. Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, and Huntingdonshire were visited more largely with this inconvenience. The town of Peterborough, a view of which, with its noble cathedral, is given among our sketches of this subject, is so placed in the nether part of the Fen country as to be especially liable to occasional flooding. Many families there had to be hastily removed from their houses, and some could only escape out of the windows in boats. At the Clifton colliery, near Nottingham, the miners had to be conveyed in the same manner to and from the pit's mouth, and the village of Wilford had also become inaccessible by land. The southern quarter of the town, called the Meadows, suffered much from water. There can be no doubt that, were the old bridge, with its dozen Norman arches, still standing, the present flood would have shown a much higher level. The new bridge, having spacious arches, offers comparatively little obstruction to the great mass of water. In the neighbourhoods likewise of Oxford and of Windsor a great extent of meadow land was overflowed, but the visitation was not so heavy upon this occasion as it was more than once last year.

FINE ARTS.

THE INSTITUTE OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS.

This society shares with the older one at the eastern end of Pall-mall the honour of continuing the practice and perpetuating the traditions of the only branch of art for which England can claim anything like originality—viz., water-colour painting. The "institute" lacks the prestige of the "society," yet in absolute art-merit, whether in landscape or figure-subjects, it may fairly be said, without our being accused of drawing invidious comparisons, that there are as good drawings to be found in the one gallery as in the other, although not, perhaps, to the same extent numerically.

Taking up, then, what may be called the second half of the winter exhibition of water-colour paintings, which is known to the public as the "institute," as the first half is familiar to them as the "society," it will be found that the former has only 337 drawings, as compared with 413 of the latter. This reduction of numbers arises in a great measure from the council of the institute having done away with the annexe. This step was a judicious one, and will add greatly to the comfort of the spectator, who can thus, on entering the gallery, take in at one sweep of the eye what he has come to see.

Passing to the left on entering, and glancing, as we go along, at the charming landscapes of such men as R. Carrick, H. E. Hine, J. Syer, J. Orrock, Edward Hargitt, John Mogford, and others—to whose works we shall return presently—we halt at the first figure-subject that has force and character enough to arrest the eye. We find it to be Hugh Carter's "Sunday Morning" (63), representing an old woman in a humble interior, reading by the light of a small window. The method and sentiment of Israels have been so cleverly caught, that at a casual glance one would scarcely dream of attributing it to anyone else. And yet, when fairly weighed, it will be found that the drawings of Mr. Carter have all the qualities of the Dutch master, plus a sweetness which is all their own. This the visitor will find substantiated by reference to the artist's two "Gleaners" (48); his little peasant-girl bearing pitcher, "Comin' Through the Rye" (197); his girl carrying baby wrapped up in her tartan shawl, "Among the Hills" (203); and his comely lass who sighs as she makes her net, "My heart is sair for somebody" (222).

By passing over such delightful works as John A. Houston's two Highlanders hiding in a cave, "After Culloden" (22), and Guido R. Bach's two charming drawings—the one a negro girl, with coffee-tray in hand, asking the spectator, "Another Cup, Sir?" (10), and the other a handsome Nubian woman, by a pile of "Ripe Oranges" (23)—we do not by any means imply censure. We are simply at present noting those drawings which lay hold of the eye most readily.

And here Andrew C. Gow holds the place of honour on the left wall; but the art-merits of his picture are such that, were it hung anywhere else, one with eyes to see would soon find it out. "A Jacobite Rendezvous" (67) Mr. Gow calls his drawing; and this is represented by a gathering in the depths of a fir-wood of a number of mounted gentlemen in their scarlet hunting-coats, accompanied by the pack. One of these, whose back is to the spectator, reads a proclamation, and has evidently come to a period or climax, for the rest hurrah and waive their three-cornered hats. For modelling, treatment of light and shadow, dramatic energy, and fine silent colour, this drawing is worthy of Meissonier, who possibly may have been the original inspirer of Mr. Gow. It would be difficult to overpraise this work. The other group-painter, whose presence is not to be gainsaid, is J. D. Linton; and although he has a couple of studies in this neighbourhood, the one of a trooper thrumming the guitar (60), the other a cavalier in yellow striped dress playing the hurdy-gurdy (76), his finished contribution to the gallery is "The Huguenot" (214), whom we see with tied hands on his bended knees before the relentless Cardinal, who stands and questions him, while the secretary at the table is prepared to write the answers of the "heretic," as the jailer, who stands in the background, rope in hands, is equally prepared to drag him away the moment he receives sign from "his Eminence." For rich glowing tone and fine massing of colour Mr. Linton is unrivalled; and, never using body colours, he may be pronounced the most orthodox of artists. If rather lethargic in action, and rarely imparting to his figures such motion as would be called dramatic, he is always graceful, dignified, and, as here, striking and impressive. It would be difficult to match these two pictures in tone, colour, and art quality generally.

Resuming our walk along the left wall, and passing approvingly the study of two camels at the "Jaffa Gate, Jerusalem" (75), by R. Beavis, "The Pigeons of St. Mark's, Venice" (86), round which some ladies and children and a stray British tar are gathered, John Absolon's "Refreshing Cup" (87), and the "Moloch Shepherd" (130), by Mrs. Elizabeth Murray, we reach the far end of the gallery, and find the place of honour jointly occupied by C. E. Holloway's "Old Town of Rye, Sussex" (143), and Elizabeth Thompson's "Scots Greys Advancing" (144). The latter is remarkable for spirit and individuality, attention to detail, without sacrificing oneness of effect, so essential in the pictured display of martial pomp and bravery. The "Greys," in extended line, are advancing across the heath towards the spectator at a trot, and the artist permits him to see how irresistible would be the onward sweep when the word is given to "charge." Miss Thompson's drawing of these horses is full of knowledge, and upon any equine point in art we should be quite prepared to accept her as an authority. The perceptive quality in this respect asserted itself early in Miss Thompson's girlhood. For the vigour and precision of her pencil the visitor

would do well to examine her two vintage drawings, Nos. 228 and 310. The latter is on Screen No. 1; and near to it will be found Mary C. Gow's "Dispute" (309), between baby's nurse and the donkey that will not go. C. Green's "Quilp's Wharf" (301) and E. M. Ward's "Daughter of Louis XVI. Sketching the Tower of her Prison from the Temple Garden" (311); and on the other screen, along with Charles Cattermole's long drawing, so cleverly illustrative of "Mitred Pomp and Ceremonial Due" (319), hangs E. J. Gregory's "Stitch in Time" (325)—a lady, in rich attire, passing through a superbly curtained room, discovers that the hem of her dress has become undone; and, with a sense that would have delighted Solomon, she sits deliberately down, decked and befurred as she is, and, lifting her costly skirt, passes the hem thereof deftly beneath the magic needle. A copy of this picture, photographed or engraved, ought to be presented to every engaged young lady in the land. We need scarcely say that Mr. Gregory's treatment of the subject, as to tone, colour, and texture, is most masterly, and that to match this picture we must walk towards the other end of the gallery and stand before Seymour Lucas's "Letter to Phyllis" (250). An old bewigged beau in pale green coat, the physiognomy and complexion of whose ample skirt is of itself a study, has been moved to pen an epistle to his dainty Phyllis. We behold him at his desk, quill in hand, and note with what content and sympathy his powdered head follows the direction and action of his laborious pen; and after noting the quiet tone yet exquisite colour of of the whole, we come to the conclusion that for modelling and expression of sentiment it is, perhaps, the best figure in the rooms. Not far from it hang William Small's girl and little child, "At the Draw-Well" (233), and his illustration to "I am still your ain dear laddie" (241). The former is solid and bright, and in colour charming; the second has the figures too pronounced in form and too short in stature. Moreover, the sentiment of the thing is missed, and, being missed, the lapse into something approaching the vulgar was inevitable.

The master of homely humour and incident in the gallery is H. B. Roberts, and this is seen in his old red-waistcoated labourer "Doctoring Old Time" (170), by blowing with a pair of bellows the dust that has accumulated in the works of the family clock. He is seated before it, and the quasi-scientific air he assumes gives assurance of his doctoring resulting in a perfect cure. [We shall engrave this picture.] For luminosity of shadow this artist is, perhaps, the greatest master in the Institute. Sometimes he allows his homeliness to lapse into vulgarity, but there is nothing of that in the present exhibition. His "Flower of the Flock" (44), representing a kindly old peasant handing over, smilingly, to a no less winsome old dame a little piggy-wiggy—the flower of the flock—is as prettily idyllic as anything we have seen for a long time. One other figure-painter of high quality is Hubert Herkomer. He is more muscular than Mr. Linton; but his tendency to brown bars his title to the rank of colourist. Though wanting, perhaps, in the tenderness and sweetness of his original model, the late Frederick Walker, he is far from being destitute of sentiment, and he possesses a vigour that is entirely his own. These remarks the visitor will find illustrated in "Man's Inconstancy" (208)—a girl listening, as she washes clothes in the stream, to the pretty things her lover, the young hunter, is saying to her companion on the top of the bank; and in the impressive drawing of the group of Alpine peasants on their knees as the priest and his young acolyte approach their mountain home to administer the viaticum to the dying one within. This is the finished study from the large picture which graced last season's Academy.

Our space being exhausted, those artists who make landscape a specialty will on this occasion kindly excuse our only mentioning their names. Thomas Collier, from illness, may not, as in "Burpham Ferry" (201), have given all the finish to his drawings that he might; but his rich tones and De Wint sympathy are as patent as ever. Nor are the Copley Fielding expression, aerial perspective, and tender treatment of our English downs, bathed in golden sunlight, a whit less palpable in the drawings of H. G. Hine; any more than are the broken yet harmonious colour, the power of expressing soothingly middle distance and distance, in those of James Orrock. Wimperis is as sweet in his greys, Edward Hargett as broad and forcible, Robert Carrick as charmingly idyllic, and Edwin Hayes and J. Syers as familiar with the moods of the ocean and of those who sail thereon as ever. Nor must we omit to mention the advent of J. Aumonier to the association of the Institute. His red-titled "Fishing Village" (81), with its boaty foreground, shows that he is an acquisition of no mean order. His reds, like those in C. E. Holloway's magnificent drawing of "The Old Town of Rye" (143), may be a little too positive, and his use of body-colour in the foreground a little too free; but, for all that, his artistic sense is of a high order. In flower-painting we have exquisite examples in the drawings of Marian Chase, Helen C. Angell, Edwin Bale, and Mrs. William Duffield.

The hanging of the pictures is not altogether to our liking. When such men as J. D. Linton, William Small, and that grand old veteran W. L. Leitch, the vice-president, have important drawings placed so low that they cannot be properly seen, the good taste and judgment of some one must be at fault. This, however, does not rob the exhibition as a whole of its laurels; and, on the present occasion, our only regret is that we cannot, for lack of space, show more fully how well they are deserved.

THE BISHOP OF CARLISLE ON ART.

The Bishop of Carlisle attended the annual meeting of the Carlisle School of Art, on Thursday evening, and made a speech upon art. He said there was a great tendency in this age for people to be prone. We had done many things that our ancestors had not done before us. We had railways, the telegraph, all the machinery of modern life and progress was remarkable, and our discoveries in chemistry had been so very wonderful, that we were apt to think that our forefathers who lived before us were very great fools, and that we were exceedingly wise. If there was one thing which more than another tended to show us that we were not much better than those who had gone before us it was art. If we wanted anything good in art, we must almost if not quite without exception go back to antiquity, and set ourselves against the present. One great reason why we did not now rise to the height of art to which men did rise in those days was that there was a want of concentration of purpose on one special object. Men's minds were so much diverted and divided. The law of the division of labour might be applied to manufactures, but it would not do with regard to art. The man who wished to attain excellence in art in any line must give himself to that line only, must concentrate his attention upon one small point. Another thing tending to interfere with the perfection of art was the wealth of the age. What was done in one place was sure to be done in another; and it was almost impossible for an artist, whether painter, sculptor, or architect, to follow his own genius and have his own way. If a man painted a picture which was a success in an exhibition, the result was that every rich man wanted to have a picture just like that. That led to the reproduction or manufacture of pictures, and not the progress of

true art. This tendency to interfere with the development of art, and to make us inferior to those who had gone before us, was due more to the condition of our own times than to the inferiority of our brains. There was a good deal in the movements of the present day with regard to trade which tended to interfere with what might be called the lower department of art—that was, the tendency of the present generation to get as much money as possible for as little work as possible. That kind of spirit was embodied in trades unions, which prevented a man of ability doing his utmost because other men could not do as much as he could, and there was some rule of the trade preventing a man of power and genius exerting himself to the fullest extent. The real way to succeed, whether in trade, art, or manufacture, was for a man to have a thorough pride in what he was doing, to be determined that that which he turned out of his hand should be the best he could turn out, and not to care whether he was overpaid or underpaid.

A new series of the "Picture Gallery" has commenced with four illustrations of works of Sir Edwin Landseer.

The winter exhibition of water-colour drawings at the Dickinson Gallery, New Bond-street, will be opened next week.

The Goldsmiths' Company have voted £100 towards the special fund in aid of the classes for drawing and modelling at the Architectural Museum, Westminster.

Mr. E. J. Physick, sculptor, has completed a monument to be placed in a church at Constantinople erected in memory of the late Lord Strangford.

The memorial to the late Sir Cordy Burrows which is to be erected at Brighton is to take the form of a statue in Sicilian marble, to be placed in the Pavilion grounds.

Mr. William Small's picture, "The Wreck," which was in this year's Royal Academy Exhibition, is on exhibition at the Marine Picture Gallery, 142, New Bond-street.

The two-page Engraving, "Baby's First Outing," which was in last Number, was copied, by permission, from a photograph published by the Berlin Photographic Company, Rathbone-place.

Sir T. Chambers, M.P., distributed, on Thursday, at the Royal Polytechnic College, Regent-street, the prizes and certificates to the successful students at the late examinations in connection with the Science and Art Department, Society of Arts, and the City of London College.

The statue of the late Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness, executed by Mr. Foley, was handed over to the Dean and Chapter of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Tuesday. The cost of the statue has been defrayed by public subscription, and it is placed in the grounds of the cathedral.

The statue of Sir Robert Peel was, on Monday, completed and exposed to view in Parliament-square. It is of bronze, and stands on a polished granite pedestal, and is a faithful representation of the famous statesman. This makes the third statue erected on the spot, the present one nearly facing Parliament-street, the others (those of Lord Derby and Lord Palmerston) standing opposite the Houses of Parliament.

The following is a copy of a despatch (dated Nov. 28) from Dr. Schliemann to the King of the Hellenes relative to his important discoveries at Mycenæ:—"To His Majesty King George,—With unbounded joy I announce to your Majesty that I have discovered the monuments which tradition, as related by Pausanias, points out as the tombs of Agamemnon, Cassandra, Eurymedon, and their companions, who were all killed whilst feasting at a banquet by Clytemnestra and her lover, Ægisthus. These tombs are surrounded by a double parallel circle of tablets, which were undoubtedly erected in honour of these great personages. In these tombs I have found an immense archaeological treasure of various articles of pure gold. This treasure is alone sufficient to fill a large museum, which will be the most splendid in the world, and which in all succeeding ages will attract to Greece thousands of strangers from every land. As I am labouring from a pure and simple love for science, I waive all claim to this treasure, which I offer with intense enthusiasm to Greece. Sire, may these treasures, with God's blessing, form the corner-stone of immense national wealth.—DR. HENRY SCHLIEMANN, Mycenæ, Nov. 28, 1876."

SCHOOL BOARDS.

Sir Charles Reed was, yesterday week, re-elected chairman of the School Board for London, and the Rev. J. Rodgers was chosen vice-chairman. Both appointments were unanimous.

The first meeting of the newly-elected School Board for Leeds was held on Thursday week, when Sir Andrew Fairbairn and Mr. J. Jowitt were re-elected chairman and vice-chairman.

At a meeting of the Salford School Board, yesterday week, Mr. H. S. Birley was reappointed chairman, and Mr. Goulden vice-chairman.

At the first meeting of the Birmingham School Board on Thursday, last week, Mr. George Dixon was elected chairman, and Mr. J. S. Wright vice-chairman. Mr. Greening gave notice that at the next meeting he should call attention to the exclusion of the Bible from the board schools. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., who declined re-election, has presented the board with £500 for board school scholarships, and £25 a year for the Midland Institute of Sir Josiah Mason's College. Mr. J. S. Wright, vice-chairman of the board, will give £20 a year for three years towards the same object. The Rev. Mr. MacCarthy, of King Edward the Sixth's School, Birmingham, has informed the Birmingham School Board that the Charity Commissioners are contemplating the creation of scholarships for boys in elementary schools—to include maintenance.

The Greenock School Board has adopted the report of a committee which recommended that the teachers should be directed to make frequent allusion to the sin of drunkenness, and to advise the children to avoid its temptations, the counsel being enforced by illustrations drawn from the daily press, and impressed on the minds of the scholars by songs in praise of temperance.

Professor Tyndall, F.R.S., has consented to accept the office of president of the Birmingham and Midland Institute for the year 1877, in succession to Mr. John Morley.

The medals in the gift of the Royal Society for the present year have been awarded as follow:—The Copley medal to Professor Claude Bernard, of Paris, for his numerous contributions to the science of physiology; a Royal medal to Mr. William Froude, F.R.S., for his researches, both theoretical and experimental, on the behaviour of ships—their oscillations, their resistance, and their propulsion; a Royal medal to Sir Wyville Thompson, for his successful direction of the scientific investigations carried on by her Majesty's ship Challenger; the Rumford medal to Mr. Pierre Jules César Janssen, of Paris, for his important researches in the radiation and absorption of light, carried on chiefly by means of the spectroscope.

THE UNIVERSITIES AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

OXFORD.

The examiners in the Honour School of Modern History have issued the following award of honours:—

Class I.: — Class II.: J. B. Bagnall-Oakeley, Corpus Christi; Leonard A. Montefiore, Balliol; R. S. Mylne, Oriel; C. Ridger, Balliol; J. H. Rutter, Exeter; C. R. Seymour, Merton. Class III.: M. J. Burrows, Keble; E. S. Carpenter, University; H. G. Fienes-Clinton, Keble; F. H. Irvine, New; R. T. Marshall, Queen's. Class IV.: D. Campbell, Christ Church; W. J. S. Conybeare, Christ Church; R. B. Gaisford, St. John's; W. H. Gater, New; E. H. Goddard, Brasenose; M. E. Macartney, Lincoln; A. H. Mills, Christ Church. Examiners in Law and Modern History: Messrs. J. F. Bright, R. Laing, M. Creighton.

The examiners in the Final Classical School have issued the following class-list:—

Class I.: H. E. Egerton, Corpus Christi; E. B. Iwan-Müller, New; A. Milner, Balliol; F. W. Newmarch, Corpus Christi; A. T. Pollard, Wadham; J. M. Rendel, Balliol; P. S. Smith, University. Class II.: H. C. Barnes, Lincoln; M. Cababe, Balliol; A. M. Cock, Wadham; R. C. Day, Barnes, Lincoln; M. Cababe, Balliol; A. H. Gorton, Worcester; C. H. Linden, New; G. F. Franks, Balliol; R. F. W. Shawe, University; W. W. Ward, Magdalen. Class III.: A. A. Baines, St. John's; W. M. Cameron, Corpus Christi; F. R. Hodgson, Corpus Christi; O. Owen, Jesus; R. Parr, Balliol; E. S. Shuttleworth, St. Mary Hall. Class IV.: C. F. Cole, unattached; T. P. Gaudell, St. John's.

The examiners in the Theological School have issued the following class-list:—

Class I.: A. J. Faithfull, University. Class II.: E. G. Brereton, Christ Church; C. F. Harrison, University; W. T. Hollins, Hertford; J. C. Maltby, Keble; W. Noble, St. Alban Hall; W. A. Shuffrey, unattached. Class III.: W. I. Blaker, St. Edmund Hall; R. F. Heath, Hertford; R. B. Hill, unattached; H. B. Roberts, Brasenose; M. Rooke, Oriel; G. M. G. Ross, Queen's; R. E. Taylor, Queen's; R. W. Thompson, Worcester; R. T. Thornton, St. John's; E. O. Williams, Trinity. Class IV.: R. Briggs, St. John's; W. T. Davies, Jesus; G. P. De Funtun, Pembroke; A. Dry, St. Edmund Hall; T. Jones, Jesus; L. Lewis, unattached.

The following elections have been made at Hertford College:—

R. W. Cracroft, Rugby and Corpus Christi College, and J. Dean, Canterbury and Keble, to open Classic Scholarships; H. W. Disney, Christ's College, Finchley, to an open Mathematical Scholarship; W. Dawson, Marlborough, to a Founder's University Scholarship, open *pro hoc vice*; T. S. Lea, Haileybury and Brasenose College, to a Scholarship limited to sons of fellows of Brasenose College; C. H. Hodgson, Harrow, to a Scholarship limited to persons educated at Harrow School; E. A. Arnold, Eton and Corpus Christi College, to Lushy Scholarship; A. S. Menzies, Haileybury, to Macbride Scholarship; and C. V. Gordon, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and St. Edmund Hall, to a Meeke Scholarship.

Mr. J. C. Wilson, M.A., late Fellow of Oriel College, has been elected to a fellowship in that College, tenable so long as he shall hold the office of Lecturer in the college.

Mr. A. C. Smith takes a Casberd Scholarship, and Mr. A. A. Barnes a Casberd Exhibition at St. John's College. Both gentlemen were commoners of St. John's.

The Clothworkers' Company has voted 100 gs. towards the building and endowment of an Indian Institute at Oxford, where the selected candidates for the Indian Civil Service, resident in the University, and others interested in Indian studies may have a common meeting-ground.

CAMBRIDGE.

Mr. J. H. H. Goodwin, B.A., has been elected a Fellow of Jesus College. Mr. Goodwin was Bell's Scholar in 1872, and graduated in the mathematical tripos of 1876, being bracketed tenth wrangler.

The vacant Crosse University Scholarship has been adjudged to be divided between Ds. C. R. Bingham, scholar of Trinity College, and Ds. J. D. M. Murray, scholar of St. John's College, as being of equal merit.

Second Special Examination in Natural Sciences for the Ordinary B.A. degree:—Chemistry:—

Class I.: — Class II.: E. P. Weatherell, Sidney; L. T. Williams, Trinity. Geology:—Class I.: — Class II.: Hatt. Botany:—Class I.: — Class II.: Alexander, Trinity; E. J. D. Simpson, Trinity; Wells, Caius. Examiners:—Osmond Fisher, M.A., Jesus College; Bushell Amington, M.A., Gonville and Caius College.

Special Examination in Moral Science for the Ordinary B.A. degree:—Political Economy:—

Class I.: Hall, Corpus Christi. Class II. (arranged alphabetically): Cleife, Queens'; Gover, Corpus Christi; Lewis, Corpus Christi; Mappin, Trinity; Pater, Corpus Christi; Scarlett, Trinity. Examiners:—W. M. Campion, D.D., Queens' College; E. S. Thompson, M.A., Christ's College.

General Examination for the Ordinary B.A. degree:—

Class I.: Cann, Pembroke; Leeper, John's; Miller, Magdalen; Prior, Pembroke; Roughton, John's; Stedman, John's; Wright, Queen's. Class II.: Bon-mi, Trinity Hall; Deighton, Pembroke; Fletcher, John's; Hatt, —; Hibbert, John's; A. G. Jennings, Trinity; Keely, John's; Pagden, Christ's; Randall, Trinity; J. E. Richardson, Trinity; H. J. Sharp, John's; E. J. D. Simpson, Trinity; Thorold, Caius; Watson, Christ's; Wilding, John's. Class III.: Alexander, Trinity; Andrews, Clare; Barrett, —; Beardmore, Clare; J. Bell, Jesus; W. Brutzer, Jesus; Chapman, Corpus; Collier, Jesus; A. N. Cope, John's; Crutchley, Trinity; Cumberbatch, Trinity; R. M. Dunlop, Jesus; F. O. Ellis, Trinity; Gaye, Down; Gem, Corpus; Grunth, Clare; A. Griffiths, John's; Grigson, Corpus; Hervey, Trinity; Jay, Catherine's; Maitland, Trinity; Paterson, Trinity; H. H. Phelps, John's; Royds, Trinity; C. H. Simpson, John's; Thring, Trinity; Toulz, John's; Upcher, Trinity; E. P. Weatherell, Sidney; Whaley, Trinity Hall. Class IV.: Alexander, Clare; E. P. Barnes, Trinity; Bailey, Trinity; Blake, Corpus; Carter, Trinity; Charrington, Trinity; Cotesworth, Trinity; Coward, Corpus; W. Cunliffe, Trinity; E. T. d'Auvergne, Jesus; d'Etchegoyen, Clare; Farham, Trinity; Fel-lows, Trinity Hall; Fuller, Caius; Hancock, Emmanuel; S. B. L. Horton, Jesus; B. G. Hoskyns, Jesus; Ireland, John's; Jordan, Christ's; Knight, Corpus; Lander, John's; Lawford, Trinity; Leith, Trinity Hall; Lodge, Caius; Lound, Christ's; M'Niven, Trinity Hall; Mallam, Trinity Hall; Moore-Stevens, Corpus; Newham, Caius; Oldham, Trinity; Peck, John's; E. G. Peyton, Jesus; Pike, Caius; Pitman, John's; Pontifex, Trinity; Ramus, Trinity; F. D. Simpson, Trinity; Slater, John's; Smyth, Pembroke; Symonds, Queen's; Tatham, Thornhill, Magdalen; Timms, Trinity; L. F. C. Tollemache, Jesus; Viney, John's; Wells, Caius; G. White, John's; F. A. Yates, Jesus.

Special Examination in Mechanism and Applied Science for the Ordinary B.A. degree. Examined and approved:—

Class I.: Nil. Class II. (alphabetically arranged): Blake, Trinity; Giles, Trinity Hall.

Second Special Examination in Theology for the Ordinary B.A. degree:—

Class I. (in order of merit): Lilly (passed with credit in Hebrew), Corpus; Weller, Jesus. Class II. (in alphabetical order): Brown, Clare; Carpenter, Clare; Clark, Corpus; Cormick, Jesus; Crossfield, St. John's; Durrant, Corpus; Edmonds, Jesus; Fletcher, Corpus; G. J. Ford, Christ's; Greenfield, St. Peter's; Howell, Christ's; Howlett, St. Catharine's; King, Clare; W. W. Lewis, Corpus; Menhinick, Christ's; Osborne, St. John's; Pagden, Christ's (passed with credit in Hebrew); Pemberton, Christ's; Ridges, Trinity; Row, St. John's; Sanderson, Trinity; Slater, St. John's; Stamper, Clare; Stephenson, St. Catharine's; Stevenson, Pembroke; Swann, St. John's; Tilley, Caius; Tollemache, Downing; Tyson, Jesus; Venables, Emmanuel; Wade, Trinity; Watts, Corpus; Winter, Christ's.

Special Examinations in Law and History:—

Law:—Class I.: Nil. Class II. (arranged alphabetically): E. Brown, non-collegiate; Coates, St. John's; H. de E. Cox, Trinity; Edwards, Pembroke; Faulkner, Trinity Hall; Gilmore, Clare; Gridley, Trinity; Irving, Trinity; Parker, Caius; Pope, St. John's; Randolph, Trinity; Rimington-Wilson, Trinity; J. Scott, Trinity; Walhouse, Jesus; H. G. S. Williams, Trinity; Winch, St. John's. *Ægotant*: Enfield, Trinity; Ingram, Trinity.

History:—Class I.: Viscount Anson, Trinity. Class II. (arranged alphabetically): Aylward, Caius; Beaucherk, Trinity; Gollop, Queens'; Laidlay, Jesus; Tollemache, Jesus.

Moral Sciences Tripos, 1876:—

Class I.: Jacobs, St. John's; J. S. Nicholson, Trinity; Ryland, St. John's; H. M. Bower, Trinity. Class II.: Parker, St. John's; Horry, St. John's. Class III.: Davies, Trinity. Allowed the ordinary degree (*Ægotant*): Jami Ali, Corpus Christi.

Second Special Examination in Natural Sciences for the Ordinary B.A. degree:—

Chemistry:—Class I.: Nil. Class II.: E. P. Weatherell, Sidney; L. T. Williams, Trinity. Geology:—Class I.: Nil. Class II.: Hatt.

Botany:—Class I.: Nil. Class II.: Alexander, Trinity; E. J. D. Simpson, Trinity; Wells, Caius.

Special Examination in Moral Science for the Ordinary B.A. degree:—

Political Economy:—Class I.: Hall, Corpus Christi. Class (arranged alphabetically): Cleife, Queens'; Gover, Corpus Christi; Lewis, Corpus Christi; Mappin, Trinity; Pater, Corpus Christi; and Scarlett, Trinity.

LONDON.

The following are lists of the candidates who have passed the recent examinations:—

Second B.A. and Second B.Sc.—Examination for Honours (B.A. and B.Sc. conjointly).—Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.—First Class: J. S. Morris, B.A. (scholarship), St. John's College, Cambridge; J. F. Main, B.Sc., Trinity College, Cambridge. Second Class: S. White, B.A., University College. Logic and Moral Philosophy.—First Class: T. K. Higgs, B.A. (disqualified by age for the scholarship), Lancashire Independent and Owens Colleges; J. Jacobs, B.A. (scholarship), St. John's College, Cambridge; H. W. Lucas, B.A., Stonyhurst College. Second Class: W. N. Woods, B.A., University College, D. C. Taylor, B.A., King's College; C. F. W. Wood, B.A., University College. Third Class: S. C. Hill, B.A., University College; V. D. Davis, B.A., Manchester New and University Colleges; S. White, B.A., University College.

B.A. only.—Classics.—First Class: C. F. J. Blount, Stonyhurst College, H. W. Lucas, Stonyhurst College, and J. P. Postgate, Trinity College, Cambridge, equal; T. W. Dougan, Owens College and St. John's College, Cambridge; A. N. Johnson, Lancashire Independent and Owens Colleges; G. Squire, private study. Animal Physiology.—First Class: W. Foulds (disqualified by age for the prize), private study. Second Class: W. J. Alexander and C. F. W. Wood (equal), University College; T. K. Higgs, Lancashire Independent and Owens Colleges. Third Class: W. N. Woods, University College; F. Ballard, Hadingley College; S. C. Hill, University College.

B.Sc. only.—Chemistry.—First Class: J. K. Crow (scholarship), Owen's College. Second Class: W. W. Jones, Magdalen College, Oxford. Geology and Palaeontology.—First Class: W. Hewett (disqualified by age for the scholarship), Royal School of Mines; J. K. Crow (scholarship), Owen's College; A. R. Willis, Royal School of Mines. Second Class: J. Monckman, Yorkshire College of Science; A. E. Tovey, private study. Zoology.—First Class: W. Hewett (disqualified by age for the scholarship), Royal School of Mines; A. R. Willis (disqualified by age for the scholarship), Royal School of Mines. Second Class: A. E. Tovey, private study; J. I. Paddle, B.A., University College.

Examinations in the Hebrew text of the Old Testament, in the Greek text of the New Testament, in the Evidence of the Christian Religion, and in Scripture History.—First Examination.—Second Class: H. Clarke, private study; H. W. Holder, Lancashire Independent and Owens Colleges; S. G. Kelly, New College. Third Class: C. Rell, private study.

The following is a list of the candidates who have passed the recent B.S. examination:—

First Division.—Samuel Herbert Burton, University College; A. Duncan, M.D., King's College; J. W. Hunt, University College; W. Otley, University College; A. Pepper, University College.

Second Division.—W. A. Kidd, Guy's Hospital; Thomas Sharp Parry, University College.

The following are lists of the candidates who have passed the recent M.D. and M.S. examinations:—

M.D. Examination.—G. H. Batterbury, King's College; H. J. Benham, University College; C. Dukes, B.S., St. Thomas's Hospital; P. T. Duncan, B.S., University College (obtained the number of marks qualifying for the medal); G. Garlick, University College; V. D. Harris, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; W. B. Houghton, B.S., University and Charing-cross Hospital; J. A. Hullard, B.S., B.Sc., University College; D. J. Leach, Owens College; W. G. Lowe, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. C. Verco (gold medal), St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Logic and Moral Philosophy only.—R. L. Batterbury, R. C. Brown, R. Petch, all of King's College.

M.S. Examination.—A. P. Gould, University College. Logic and Moral Philosophy only.—L. S. Jameson, University College.

The following is a list of the candidates who have passed the recent B.S. examinations for honours:—

Class I.: A. J. Pepper, University College (scholarship and gold medal); A. Duncan, M.D., King's College (gold medal). Class II.: W. Otley, University College.

DURHAM.

The examiners for the first year in arts have published the following supplemental pass-list:—

L. C. Phillips, Codr. College; A. A. Rowe, Codr. College; H. D. Seale, Codr. College.

The Senior Hebrew prize has been awarded to Mr. G. Padfield, Hatf. Hall.

The examiners for the degree of B.A. have issued the following class-list:—

In Classics and General Literature.—Class I.: H. J. R. Marston, Hatf. Hall. Class IV.: W. C. Boulter, L. Th., unattached; J. T. Kerby, L. Th., Hatf. Hall.

In Mathematics.—Class IV.: R. Walker, unattached. Pass-list.—A. J. Beanlands, unattached; G. L. Dickinson, Hatf. Hall; J. Haswell, Hatf. Hall; J. H. Twining, University College.

Mr. Marston was educated at the College for Blind Sons of Gentlemen, Worcester, and was placed in the first class at the first-year examinations in arts, January, 1875.

The examiners for the license in theology have issued the following pass-list:—

F. W. Barker, Hatf. Hall; J. Bellamy, Hatf. Hall; E. Fenton, Hatf. Hall; A. Henderson, B.A., Hatf. Hall; T. Heslop, unattached; R. Liney, Hatf. Hall; W. T. Noble, unattached; C. O. Smithson, Hatf. Hall; R. Tison, Hatf. Hall.

Recommended for prize exhibitions:—W. T. Noble, A. Henderson, B.A., R. Tison, equal.

At University College, Gower-street, the Hume Scholarship in Jurisprudence, of the value of £20 per annum, tenable for three years, has been awarded to Miss Eliza Orme.

The following have been elected to foundation scholarships at Marlborough College:—H. S. Moore, L. T. Hobhouse, R. K. Cardew, J. G. Henniker, A. J. Shears, H. E. Wood, C. P. Koelle (for modern languages), G. J. Elliot, C. R. Foot, E. C. Foot, C. H. Roberts, L. A. Orger, P. H. Maddock, E. Latter, and G. H. Westcott. Honourably mentioned: J. S. F. Bacon, W. R. Godfrey, and E. H. Bradhurst.

Dr. Wilson, the President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, has appointed Mr. Samuel Dill, M.A., tutor and librarian of Corpus College, to the head-mastership of the Manchester Free Grammar School; and Mr. Styles, formerly a master in the school, to be second master. There were twelve candidates for the head-mastership.

Mrs. Gladstone distributed the prizes and certificates at Hawarden Grammar School, on Monday.

The Melbourne *Daily Telegraph* states that at the Melbourne University matriculation examination for July Term, 1876, there were fifty-five candidates entered, of whom thirteen were ladies. The results show that thirteen candidates passed the matriculation examination, of whom no fewer than six were ladies; while sixteen candidates passed the examination for the Civil Service, of whom six were ladies.

THE YOSEMITE VALLEY.

Next to the Falls of Niagara, we understand the Yosemite Valley to be the most famous and wonderful exhibition of natural scenery in North America. It is situated in the centre of California, midway between the eastern and western Sierra ranges, which rise nearly seventy miles apart. The distance from San Francisco is 220 miles, passing by Mariposa, where is to be seen a grove of the amazing big trees (*Sequoia Gigantea*), nearly 300 ft. high and 50 ft. in circumference. The Yosemite is a vast hollow sunk in the earth, about six miles long and from half a mile to one mile wide, between 3000 ft. and 4000 ft. deep. The river Merced, with several tributary streams, flows through the valley. It is overlooked by several commanding heights, cliffs, and pinnacles, rising to 6000 ft. or more, and displays five or six magnificent waterfalls. The views we present of the Bridal Veil, or Pohono, and the Cathedral Rocks, are from Sketches by our Special Artist, Mr. W. Simpson, who was there in April, 1873, on his way

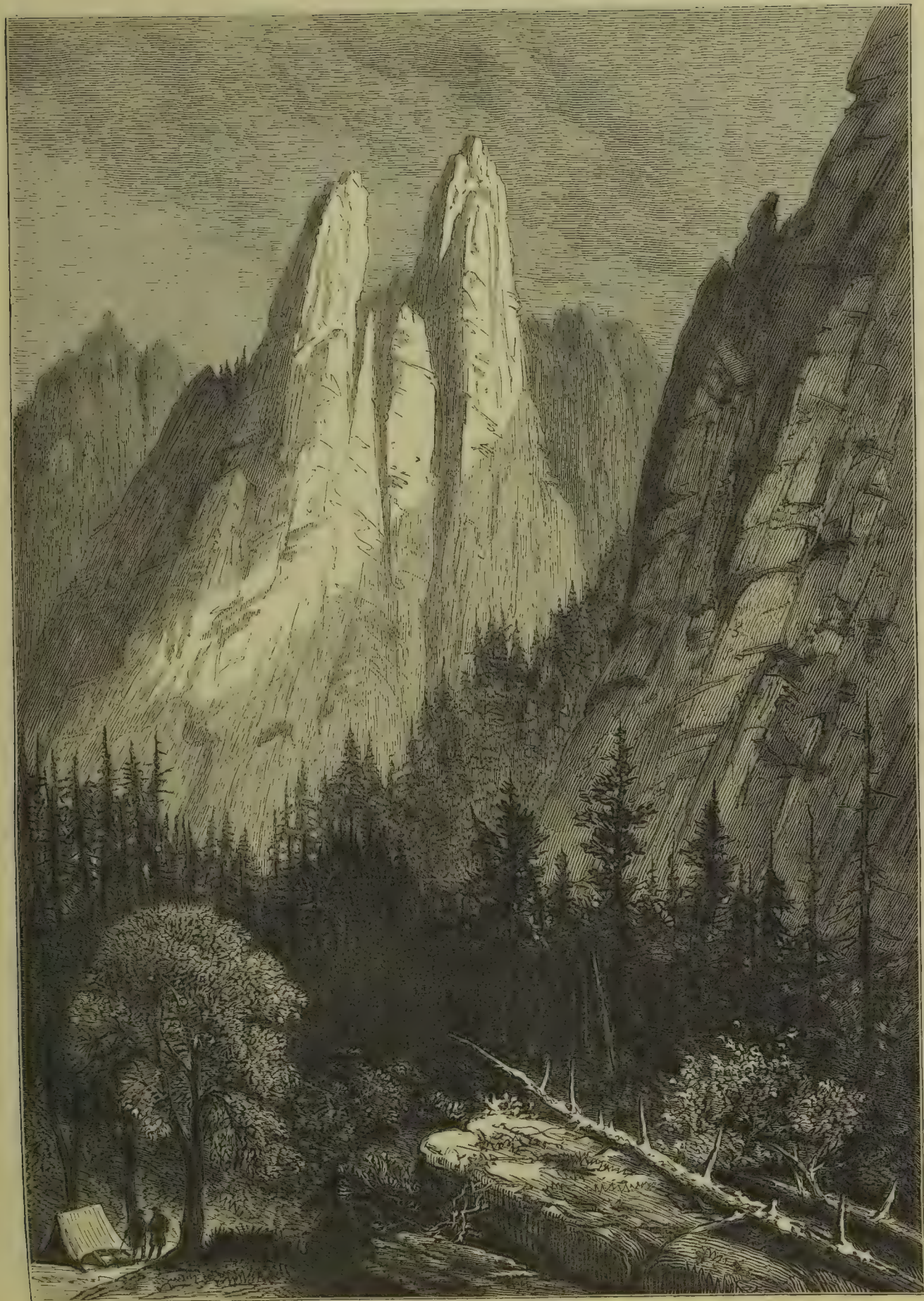
home from attending the Emperor of China's wedding at Peking. He speaks of his visit to the Yosemite in the Californian chapter of his entertaining book, "Meeting the Sun." The Bridal Veil is a fall of 900 ft., and is far surpassed in magnitude by the Great Yosemite Falls, which have a descent of 2600 ft.; but there is a romantic charm about the former, which is admired by "Grace Greenwood" in her rhapsody on the Yosemite Valley. It bears a fancied resemblance to the figure of a bride covered with a thin and vapoury veil. The Indians call it Pohono, or "The Spirit of the Evil Wind," because it is the sport of every gust that blows up the valley. The Cathedral Peaks, or Cathedral Spires, for they are known by all these names, are 2400 ft. above the level of the valley. Their resemblances to the western towers of a cathedral has evidently suggested the name these picturesque rocks now bear. Their Indian name in former times was "Poo-see-nah Chuck-ka," or the "Large Acorn Store-House." The "Digger Indians," who dwelt in the region before the arrival of the white man, were not likely to know much about cathedrals, but they had a sharp eye for acorns; and this corner of the valley was evidently either a place producing a good supply of them or there was a safe spot, perhaps among the fallen rocks, where they could be safely "cached," or concealed, till they were wanted. A kind of "mush" is made from the acorns, and it is a favourite article of diet, for which purpose they are carefully collected by the Indians.

WRECK OF A TRANSPORT-SHIP.

The steam-ship *St. Lawrence*, hired by Government to convey the 3rd Buffs to South Africa, was wrecked near the Cape, on the 8th ult. She had left Dublin on Oct. 4, with the following troops, Colonel Pearson in command:—Second battalion 3rd Buffs, 14 officers, four ladies, three children, 462 non-commissioned officers and men, 36 women, 73 children; attached from other regiments, one officer (Army Hospital Corps), 10 non-commissioned officers and men, five women, and nine children. The *St. Lawrence* belonged to London, and was owned by Messrs. Temperley, Carter, and Darke. Her length was 303 ft.; depth, 26 ft. 6 in.; and breadth, 35 ft. 6 in.; tonnage, 2220 tons gross. She had 230-horse power, and was built at Sunderland, in January, 1874, by Mr. James Laing. She was commanded by Captain Hyde. At noon on Tuesday, Nov. 7, the steamer was reckoned to be in lat. 31 17 S., long. 16 6 E. Everyone expected to be safely anchored in Table Bay soon after daylight next day. The night was beautifully calm and clear, with very light south-east wind. The captain was lying down in his cabin, with his clothes on, when, early on Wednesday morning, the chief officer, Mr. W. Shelton, who was on watch, came and reported that land was in sight. Captain Hyde asked him to look again and report the southernmost bearing of the land. In a few minutes he returned, saying that land was not so far off as he at first thought, and he had hauled the ship off. He also reported having seen a light on the shore, which must have been a rising star. The captain followed the chief officer on deck, when the look-out reported something ahead, and in a few seconds after the vessel struck. The engines were at once reversed, but before the steamer lost way, she got fixed on the reef and remained fast. It was half-past three in the morning. The captain at once sent the quartermaster to sound all round. He reported deep water except abreast of the fore-castle, where there was only three fathoms. The captain then ordered the carpenter to sound the forehold, and went with him, and 11 in. of water was reported. This was a few minutes after the vessel striking. On sounding again he found the water was increasing. The captain then went to the Colonel commanding the troops, and reported that the steamer was ashore. Everyone was immediately ordered to their quarters, while the crew cleared away the boats. In less than half an hour the women and children commenced embarking, the Colonel's wife getting into the boat first, and so on according to rank. Armed sentries were posted at the gangway, and perfect discipline was observed aboard. After the women and children had been safely landed, without any confusion, the troops fell in, fully equipped with their muskets and accoutrements, and in marching order. As the boats came alongside they were filled with soldiers, and in a short time every soul on board had been landed without difficulty. While the men were being landed provisions were got up, and each boat took ashore 400 lb. of bread, 400 lb. of meat, and about twenty gallons of water. No accident occurred while landing; everything was done with the greatest order and precision. When every one was safely ashore efforts were directed to saving the ship. The engines were reversed at full speed, sails were set, and anchors run out. The fore hold was rapidly filling with water, but all day long the men worked hard getting away the luggage, the heavy part of which was moved only with great difficulty. About nine o'clock in the evening another effort was made to get the ship off, but without the least effect, although she was lightened by a quantity of coal, some hundred tons, being thrown overboard. The steam winches had been kept going all day, and the engine fires were not put out until five o'clock in the afternoon. The captain having summoned all hands, informed them that there was no chance of saving the ship, and the boats went to work with all speed to save what they could. There were in all seven, four of which were provided with patent lowering gear. The captain himself stove in the rum casks in order that nobody should get at their contents, and remained near the wreck, directing operations to the last. At midnight, on Thursday, it was evident that the steamer would soon settle down by the stern, which proved to be the case next morning. On Friday morning, H.M.S. *Active*, assisted by the *Gnu* steam-tug, came to take off the shipwrecked passengers and crew. The women and children, with two companies of soldiers, were conveyed in boats to the *Active*, as shown in our Illustration. The *Active* left the wreck on Friday evening, to bring them to Capetown. Her place was then supplied by H.M.S. *Spartan* and H.M.S. *Spiteful*. The *St. Lawrence* had on board, besides the troops, about 800 tons of various military stores, including several field-pieces, shot and shell, about fifty tons of gunpowder for Natal, and a large quantity of clothing, very little of which had been rescued from the wreck. On Sunday morning the *Spartan* arrived in Table Bay with about 120 rank and file, the band, the greater part of the crew, and a large quantity of baggage. As the poor fellows were landed on the central wharf, most of them looked in a most forlorn and pitiable condition, with their faces scorched, and uniforms and caps dirty and torn. Several of them seemed to have suffered a great deal, and had to be conveyed to the hospital.

Our Illustration of the wreck of the *St. Lawrence* is from a sketch by Mr. J. Donald McLean, of H.M.S. *Active*.

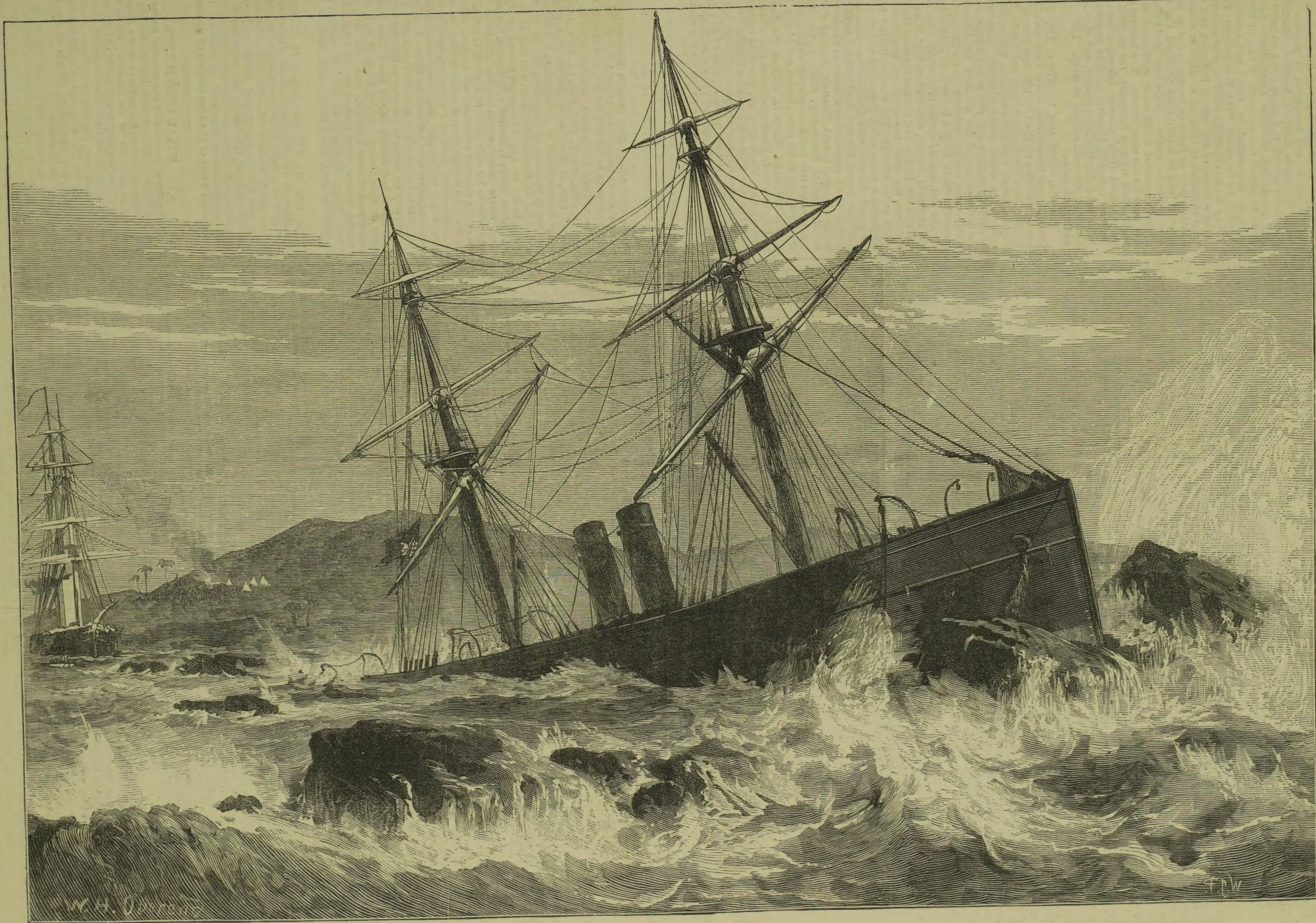
A handsome grant of £500 by the council of the Royal Agricultural Society of England will be expended in the preparation of a memoir on English husbandry, to be laid before an International Congress at Paris in 1878. The volume will be the work of several hands, and among the writers (says the *Chamber of Agriculture Journal*) will probably be Mr. James Caird, Mr. J. D. Dent, and Mr. John Algernon Clarke.



THE YOSEMITE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA: THE CATHEDRAL ROCKS.



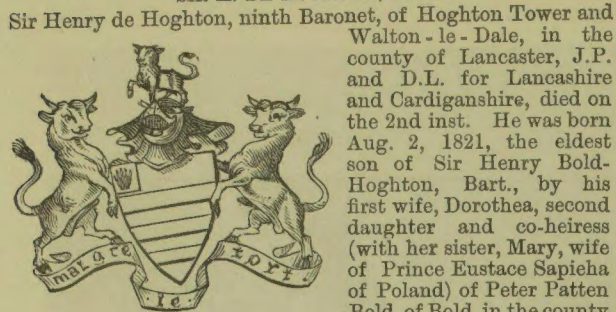
THE BRIDAL VEIL FALL.



WRECK OF THE STEAM-SHIP ST. LAWRENCE ON PATERNOSTER REEF, WEST OF CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

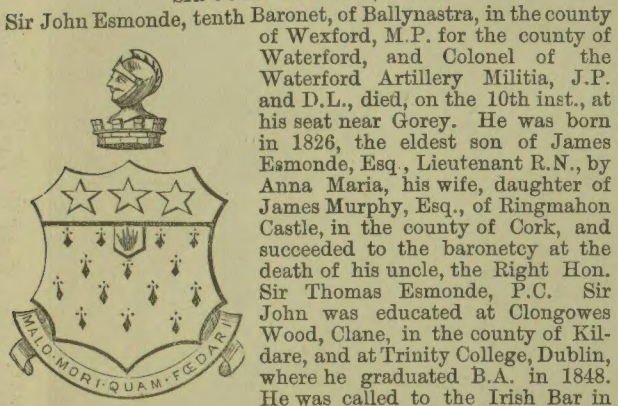
OBITUARY OF EMINENT PERSONS.

SIR H. DE HOGHTON, BART.



Sir Henry de Hoghton, ninth Baronet, of Hoghton Tower and Walton-le-Dale, in the county of Lancaster, J.P. and D.L. for Lancashire and Cardiganshire, died on the 2nd inst. He was born Aug. 2, 1821, the eldest son of Sir Henry Bold-Hoghton, Bart., by his first wife, Dorothea, second daughter and co-heiress (with her sister, Mary, wife of Prince Eustace Sapieha of Poland) of Peter Patten Bold, of Bold, in the county of Lancaster, and succeeded to the baronetcy at his father's death, July 19, 1862. Sir Henry was educated at Harrow, and at St. John's College, Cambridge. He served as High Sheriff of the county of Cardigan in 1849. By Royal license, dated Aug. 6, 1862, he and the other issue of his father were authorised to resume their ancient family patronymic, De Hoghton. Sir Henry was thrice married—firstly, in 1845, to Louisa Josephine, fourth daughter and co-heir of the late Joseph Sanders, Esq., by whom (the marriage was dissolved in 1849) he had one son, Cecil, who died unmarried, in 1874; secondly, in 1851, to Aline, third daughter of Sir Henry Jervis White Jervis, Bart., of Bally Ellis, in the county of Wexford, by whom he leaves one daughter, Aline Marian, wife of Gerald J. Fitzgerald, Esq.; and, thirdly, in 1854, to Miss Ellen Ann Harvey Hedgeland, by whom he leaves one daughter, Elinor Isabel. The title devolves on his next brother, now Sir Charles de Hoghton, tenth Baronet, late a Captain in the Army, who was born in 1823. The family of Hoghton is one of the most ancient in the kingdom, and ranks next to Bacon at the head of the Roll of Baronets. Mr. Shirley, in his curious and interesting work, "The Noble and Gentle Men of England," states that Hoghton or Hoghton appears to have been granted in marriage by Warin Bussel to one Hamon, called Pincerna, whose grandson was the first Adam de Hoghton, who held one carucate of land in Hoghton in the reign of Henry II.

SIR JOHN ESMONDE, BART.



Sir John Esmonde, tenth Baronet, of Ballynastra, in the county of Wexford, M.P. for the county of Waterford, and Colonel of the Waterford Artillery Militia, J.P. and D.L., died, on the 10th inst., at his seat near Gorey. He was born in 1826, the eldest son of James Esmonde, Esq., Lieutenant R.N., by Anna Maria, his wife, daughter of James Murphy, Esq., of Ringmahon Castle, in the county of Cork, and succeeded to the baronetcy at the death of his uncle, the Right Hon. Sir Thomas Esmonde, P.C. Sir John was educated at Clongowes Wood, Clane, in the county of Kildare, and at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated B.A. in 1848. He was called to the Irish Bar in 1850, but did not practise. From the year 1852 till his death he sat in Parliament for the county of Wexford; he served the office of High Sheriff of the county of Wexford in 1867, and of Wicklow in 1875. For a short time in 1866 he was a Lord of the Treasury. He married, April 11, 1861, Louisa, fourth daughter of the late Henry Grattan, Esq., M.P., and granddaughter of the Right Hon. Henry Grattan, the orator, and leaves four sons and two daughters. His eldest son and successor, now Sir Thomas Henry Grattan Esmonde, eleventh Baronet, was born at Pau, Sept. 21, 1862. The family of Esmonde is of very ancient settlement in the county of Wexford. The baronetcy dates from the reign of Charles I., when when it was conferred on Sir Thomas Esmonde, son of Lawrence, Lord Esmonde, Baron of Limerick, in the county of Wexford, a distinguished commander in the time of James I. This peerage the late Sir John Esmonde considered himself entitled to, and made several efforts to obtain its restoration.

The deaths are also announced of the Rev. Joseph Pratt, M.A., for more than sixty-five years Rector of Paston, in the county of Northampton, in his ninety-third year;—of George Henry Carleton Sunderland, Esq., of Swarthdale, Lancashire, D.L., and retired Commander R.N.;—of Edward Pakenham Alderson, Esq., eldest son of the late Hon. Sir Edward Hall Alderson, Baron of the Exchequer, and brother of the Marchioness of Salisbury, aged forty-eight;—of the Rev. John James Wilkinson, M.A., Queen's College, Oxon, Rector of Lanteglos with Advent, J.P., Cornwall, late Rural Dean and Diocesan Inspector of Schools;—of Clement Thomas Sneyd-Kynnersley, Esq., of Loxley Park, in the county of Stafford, J.P. and D.L., a descendant of the very ancient family of Sneyd of Keele, in the county of Stafford, now represented by the Rev. Walter Sneyd, of Keele Hall, M.A., F.S.A.;—of Major Percival Swan, of Baldwinstown, in the county of Wexford;—of Francis Coleman Macgregor, Esq., formerly H.B.M.'s Consul at Canton, China, aged ninety-three;—of William Gordon Thomson, of The Mount, Wadhurst, J.P. for the counties of Sussex and Kent, in his eighty-fifth year;—of Mr. George Hope, of Bordlands, Peebleshire, formerly of Fenton-barns, a well-known Scotch agriculturist, and a prominent member of the Liberal party in Scotland (he unsuccessfully contested East Lothian in 1865 and East Aberdeenshire in 1873);—of John Montgomery, Esq., of Benavard, in the county of Antrim, M.A., J.P. and D.L., High Sheriff in 1819, in his eighty-seventh year;—of Robert Archbold, of Davidstown House, in the county of Kildare, J.P., the descendant of an ancient Catholic family;—and of Dr. Campbell, Principal of Aberdeen University.

The importation of tea has increased this year from British India. The declared value amounts to £2,192,973, against £1,944,897 in the same period of the previous year.

The Alumbagh, 1137 tons, Captain E. W. Pratt, chartered by the Agent-General for South Australia, left Plymouth, on Tuesday, for Port Adelaide, with 355 emigrants, among whom were seventy single female domestic servants.

Captain Boyton has accomplished his promised task of swimming down the river Po from Turin to Ferrara, a distance of 800 miles, in ninety-six hours, without a single stoppage. This he declares is the last, as it has been the longest, of his journeys.

The Ottoman Government has conferred the order of the Medjidie, third class, upon Chérifé Hanoum, a Turkish lady, who displayed great bravery during the siege of Lubinje by the Montenegrins. This is said to be the first time that a female has been decorated in Turkey.

CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications relating to this department of the Paper should be addressed to the Editor, and have the word "Chess" written on the envelope.

J. I. M. (St. George's Club).—We are obliged for the trouble you have taken. The games are very acceptable.

G. Howison.—The game shall have our best attention.

G. B. O. Sheffield.—Undoubtedly A can claim a Queen, or any other piece he chooses, for every pawn advanced to the eighth square. The fundamental laws of chess are not changed because one player agrees to yield odds to another.

C. T. B. Manchester.—The problem was not an easy one, therefore you need not be disheartened by your failure to solve it. Try the little stratagem given below.

R. CARL, Vienna.—You will find a clear exposition of the English chess notation in Staunton's Handbook, which can be obtained through any bookseller.

PROBLEM No. 1708.—J. Briggs and S. F. have overlooked that, if Black plays B to R 4th, White can mate on the second move by Kt to Q 4th.

PROBLEM No. 1709.—Additional correct solutions received from J. G. M., J. S. L., and Triton.

PROBLEM No. 1710.—Additional correct solutions received from C. Eggers, E. T. P., A. Wood, J. K. B., and P. S. Shenale. J. B. Heatherfield, Wheels, Eaton, H. Kelson, and S. F. are wrong.

PROBLEM No. 1711.—Correct solutions received from W. S. B. Cant, East Marden, C. Eggers, W. F. Payne, F. V. P., A. W. S., J. K. Woolwich Chess Club, W. P. P. W. L., J. de Houtsteyn, R. H. Brooks, P. S. Shenale, and Drapers' College. The proposed solutions of a large number of correspondents can be best answered by a brief analysis of the position. If White plays R takes R, Black's reply is B to B 6th; B to B 2nd is unavailing against the defence R takes R; R to Q 5th is met with the obvious reply P takes R; and R to Q 4th is defeated by R takes Kt, when, if White checks with B at Q 3rd, the King can be moved to B 5th, and so proving the mate beyond the stipulated number of moves.

PROBLEM No. 1712.—Correct solutions received from J. de Houtsteyn, Hereward, Emile Fran, S. F. Jacob, X. V. L., A. Little Boy, Drapers' College, East Marden, Lily, S. A. Messenger, Cant, P. S. Shenale, W. S. B., and Woolwich Chess Club.

PROBLEMS received from W. L. J. A. W. Hunter, G. Neumann, J. W. Abbott, J. Menzies, J. Armstrong (Cawnpore), C. E. T., Q. L. de Boer, and C. Eggers shall be carefully examined and reported on next week. Those contributed by Thunderclap and Gyppo Fan, although creditable as first attempts, are much too weak for publication.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 1711.

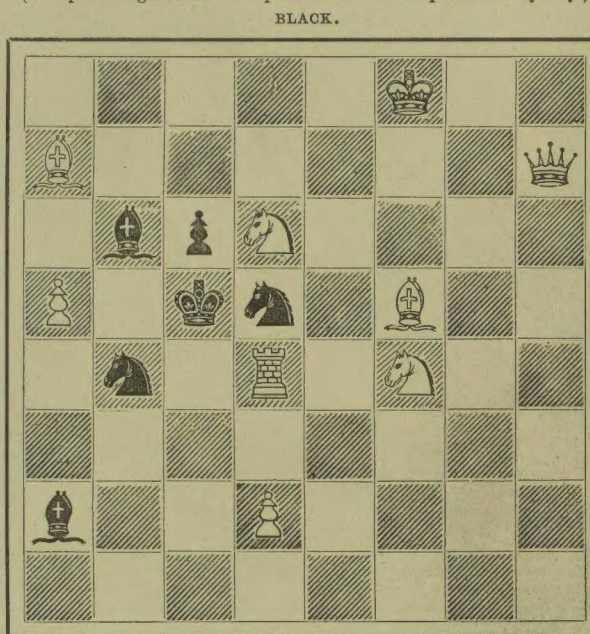
WHITE. BLACK. WHITE. BLACK.
1. R to K B 8th R takes R*
2. P to B 4th Anything
3. R or Kt mates accordingly.

* If R takes Kt White proceeds with 2. P to B 3rd (ch), &c.

PROBLEM No. 1713.

By S. TYRRELL, of Adelaide.

(This position gained the first prize in the late competition in Sydney.)



WHITE.
White to play, and mate in two moves.

A Game played, on the 2nd inst., in the Match between the St. George's and West-End Chess Clubs.—(King's Gambit declined.)

WHITE (Dr. Ballard, St. George's Club).	BLACK (Mr. Mocatta, West-End Club).	WHITE (Dr. Ballard, St. George's Club).	BLACK (Mr. Mocatta, West-End Club).
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th	27. K to R 2nd	Q to Kt 3rd
2. P to K B 4th	P to K 4th	28. Kt to Kt 3rd	Q to K 3rd
3. P takes Q P	P to K 5th	29. Kt to Q B sq	Q takes B P
4. B to Kt 5th (ch)	P to B 3rd	30. R to Q B sq	Q to Kt 6th
5. P takes P	P takes P	31. R to B 3rd	Q to Kt 8th
6. B to B 4th	Kt to B 3rd	32. R to K 3rd	R to Q sq
7. P to Q 4th	B to Q 3rd		
8. Kt to K 2nd	Kt to Kt 5th		
9. Castles	P to K 6th	33. P to Q 5th	B to B sq
10. R to B 3rd	Castles	34. P to Q 6th	Q to Kt 3rd
11. B takes P	R to K sq	35. Kt to K 4th	B to K B 4th
12. B to B 2nd	Kt to Q 2nd	36. Kt to K Kt 5th	K to B sq
13. P to K R 3rd	Kt to Kt 3rd	37. Q to Q 4th	P takes P
14. B to Q 3rd	Kt takes B		
15. R takes Kt	Kt to Q 4th		
16. P to B 4th	Kt to K 6th		
17. Q to Q 2nd	Q to K R 5th		
18. R to B 3rd	Kt to K B 4th		
19. Q Kt to B 3rd	R to Q Kt sq		
20. P to Q Kt 3rd	B to Q Kt 5th		
21. P to Q R 3rd	B takes Kt		
22. Q takes B	B to Q 2nd		
23. P to Q Kt 4th	R to K 6th		
24. R takes R	Kt takes R		
25. B takes P (ch)	Q takes B		
26. Q takes Kt	R to K sq		
27. Q to Q 2nd			

Exchanging the Rooks, although it would not have much improved Black's prospects (for his game at this point is hopeless), would nevertheless have been a better line of play.

If he had taken the P with R, White might have continued with 38. Q to B 5th, and 39. Kt to K 6th, winning the exchange at least.

A ludicrous mistake to occur in a match game.

49. Kt to Q 7th (ch) K to Kt sq
50. R to K 8th. Mate.

The match in which the above game occurred resulted in a decisive victory for the St. George's Club, whose representatives scored ten. The West-End Club scored three.

THE NEW YORK CLIPPER TOURNAMENT.

We have received from Mr. Francis M. Roser, of New York, the following letter in relation to the above tournament, which we gladly insert:—

"Your Issue of Nov. 11 refers to the 'Clipper Tournament,' lately held in this city, in the following terms:—

"The result, we understand, gave rise to a considerable manifestation of feeling, it being no secret that there had been something very like collusion to prevent Mr. Bird from winning the first prize, three of the weakest players of the tourney—viz., Messrs. M. Cutcheon, Roser, and Becker—two of whom had lost to Messrs. Mason and Delmar, withdrawing at the last moment, without playing their games with Mr. Bird."

"So far as the above paragraph relates to myself, I have to call your attention to the following facts:—The Clipper Tourney began Sept. 20 and ended Oct. 18. I withdrew Oct. 3, on account of unexpected demands upon my time. At that date I had played seven games (vide the official score), winning from Messrs. Dill, Grutter, Wernich, Marr, Orchard, and Lissner, and losing to Mr. Limbeck. I had not played with Messrs. Mason, Delmar, Bird, nor any recognised champion. It appears, then, that my withdrawal was at an early date, and not 'at the last moment,' and that, as I played neither with Mr. Mason, nor Mr. Delmar, nor Mr. Bird, such withdrawal in no wise affected the winning scores."

CHESS IN LINCOLNSHIRE.—A chess meeting will be held at Louth, in this county, in the first week of the new year. The competition will be open only to provincial amateurs, and the players will be divided into three classes, according to their reputed skill. In class I., the first prize will be £5; in class II., £3; in class III., £1 10s. Second and third prizes will be given in each class, the amounts to be determined by the number of entries and the subscriptions received. Entries for the several classes should be made immediately, as the play in the first class will be commenced on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 2, and in the other classes on the following Thursday. Found practicable, consultation games and single matches will be arranged during the meeting. Particulars can be obtained on application to the Rev. A. B. Skipworth, Tetford Rectory, Horncastle.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will and codicil, dated March 2 and Aug. 3, 1876, of Mr. George Wostenholm, late of Kenwood Park, Sheffield, who died on Aug. 18 last, was proved on the 11th ult., at the Wakefield district registry, by Mrs. Eliza Maria Wostenholm and Mr. Charles Henry Scott, of Huntley Hall, near Cheadle, the executors, the personal estate, including leasehold property, being sworn under £250,000. The testator bequeaths to his wife, in addition to the provision made for her by her marriage settlement, £80,000, £50,000 of which is to be settled upon her; he also gives her all his furniture, plate, household effects, horses, and carriages; to relatives, friends, and servants he leaves absolute legacies amounting to £31,000; £42,000 is settled, in various sums, on relations and friends; and, in addition, annuities amounting to £410 per annum are given to friends and servants. A sum of £3000, free of legacy duty, is bequeathed to found and establish at Sheffield a charity, to be called "the Wostenholm Female Charity," having for its object the relief of poor unmarried women, not being widows, of the age of forty-five and upwards, and of good character, residing at Sheffield or within 200 miles. In another part of the will twenty miles is mentioned as the distance within which from Sheffield the recipients of the charity are to reside. This bequest is conditional upon a similar amount of £3000 being subscribed at Sheffield within five years for the same object. The testator also bequeaths to the Sheffield General Infirmary, the Sheffield Dispensary, and the Sheffield Girls' Charity School, £200 each; and to the Sheffield Lying-In Hospital, another hospital at Sheffield, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the Church Missionary Society, £100 each, all free of duty. The widow is appointed residuary legatee.

The will, dated Aug. 15, 1870, of Mr. William Booth, of Cecile House, Crouch-end, and of Eastwood, Nottingham, coal-owner, who died on the 12th ult., was proved on the 1st inst. by Mrs. Jane Booth, the widow, and David Henry Booth and Charles Alfred Booth, the brothers, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £100,000. The testator gives his household furniture and effects to his wife, and the income of the entire residue of his property for her own use and the maintenance and education of his children. On her death the property is to be divided between all his children.

The will, dated July 25, 1874, of Mr. Charles McNiven, late of Perrysfield, Surrey, who died on Sept. 9 last, was proved on the 25th ult. by the Rev. Charles Manno McNiven and Henry McNiven, the sons, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £90,000. The testator devises to his son Charles the mansion house called Perrysfield and all his real estate in the parish of Oxted, with the furniture, plate, household effects, carriages, horses, live and dead farming stock; and bequeaths to each of his grandchildren living at his death £2000; to his brother-in-law, Robert Manno, free of duty, £500; to his bailiff, Edward Marshalsay, £100; to Caroline Ransley, the widow of his late bailiff, an annuity of £50; and the remainder of his property to his sons, Charles and Henry, in equal shares.

The will, dated March 13, 1875, of Mr. James Austin, late of Princes-street, Finsbury-square, and of Augustine House, Queen's-road, Finsbury Park, who died on the 2nd ult., was proved on the 28th ult. by James Tennant and John Arkell, the surviving executors, the personal estate being sworn under £60,000. The testator gives legacies of £1500 to each of his daughters, £1000 to each of his six sons, and £50 to each of his executors. Provision is made for the continuance of his business by his sons Edwin, Francis, and Arthur. The residue of testator's estates he leaves to all his children.

The will, dated Jan. 24, 1853, of Mr. John Bramwell, formerly of Aberdeen, and late of No. 132, Westbourne-terrace, Paddington, who died on Aug. 8 last at Harrogate, was proved on the 24th ult. by Mrs. Isabella Bramwell, the widow, the personal estate being sworn under £45,000. The testator gives all his property to his wife for life, and then to his children.

The will and five codicils, dated respectively March 6, 1860, July 28, 1863, May 6, 1867, Feb. 14, 1872, Aug. 11, 1875, and May 29, 1876, of Mr. Percival Andree Pickering, Q.C., Judge of the Passage Court of Liverpool, and Attorney-General for the County Palatine of Lancaster, late of the Inner Temple, and of No. 48, Bryanston-square, who died at the Lord Warden Hotel, Dover, on Aug. 7 last, were proved on the 2nd inst. by Mrs. Anna Maria Wilhelmina Pickering, the widow, the personal estate being sworn under £30,000. The testator bequeaths to his wife £500, and gives her the income of the rest of his personal estate and all his real estate for life; at her death he devises his real estate to his heirs and assigns; if he leaves more than one daughter, such sum as, with the amount they will receive under settlement, will make in the whole £16,000 is to be set aside for them; if only one daughter, £10,000 is to be the whole sum she is to take. The residue of his property he leaves to his sons, as his wife shall appoint.

The will and codicil of the Rev. Robert Halley, D.D., formerly of New College, St. John's-wood, but late of No. 83, Downs-road, Lower Clapton, who died on Aug. 18 last, at Arundel, Sussex, were proved on the 13th ult. by the Rev. Robert Halley, the son, and Joseph Thompson, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £9000.

The late Mr. William Baillie, of Falahill, W.S., has bequeathed to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary his estate at Falahill, also a half of the free residue of his estate. Mr. Baillie's agent, Mr. James L. Hill, W.S., reports that the value of the gift will be upwards of £30,000. Besides numerous legacies to friends, Mr. Baillie has remembered various other institutions and charities. The other half of the free residue of his estate—several thousand pounds—he leaves to the Sustentation Fund of the Free Church of Scotland.

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The Friday arrangements include discourses by Professors Tyndall, Huxley, Gladstone, Osborne Reynolds (on Vortex Motion), and F. Guthrie (on Solid Water); Sir John Lubbock (on Ants); Mr. Francis Galton (on the Typical Laws of Heredity), Mr. J. F. Moulton, and Mr. F. J. Bramwell.

On the 16th ult., according to intelligence telegraphed from New York, the Mexican Government troops under General Alatorre were completely defeated by the insurgent leader Porfirio Diaz, who entered the city of Mexico, and proclaimed himself Provisional President, on Nov. 30. The President and the Government fled to Moselia.

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